

Gold drops to lowest level in 2 years

LONDON, Jan. 11 (R) — The price of gold dropped sharply on world bullion markets today to \$388 an ounce, its lowest level for two years. Investors who had expected some market resistance around the \$390 an ounce level were unsettled by the steep decline from Friday's closing London price of \$400. Bullion dealers said selling by professional traders and speculators, a price decline in the New York gold market last Friday and an absence of heavy buying by central banks and other large holders of gold had combined to push the price lower. They were unable to pinpoint any specific news factors depressing the metal but said that market speculation that the Soviet Union remained a net seller might have contributed to the setback.

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Bomb injures Israeli police officer

TEL AVIV, Jan. 11 (A.P.) — Two bombs exploded in a crowded suburban market today, injuring one police bomb squad member, a police spokesman said. The bombs exploded in the market of Petah Tikva, 13 kms. northeast of Tel Aviv. A police explosives expert was slightly injured when a second bomb hidden in the same package as the first exploded as he was moving it, the spokesman said. Police suspected Palestinian commandos of planting the bombs, the spokesman said.

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King receives Kaddoumi, Al Yahya

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein received at Al Humtat Palace this evening Head of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Political Department Farouk Kaddoumi and Head of the PLO Office in Amman Abdul Razzaq Al Yahya. They reviewed the situation in the area and the developments of the Palestinian issue on the Arab and international levels.

Farmers banned from cultivating near Zarqa River

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (Petra) — The Higher Committee for Public Safety decided in its meeting today under its chairman, Interior Minister Sulaiman Arar, to issue a new defence order banning farmers from cultivating the agricultural lands on the Zarqa River, particularly that some farmers have ignored previous defence orders banning the cultivation of these lands after it has been ascertained that the water is contaminated with Cholera. The committee also decided to ban pumping of water from Ayn Al Jam' area in the city of Salt after the Health Ministry has reported that the water is highly contaminated. Industry and Trade Minister Walid Asfour submitted a report to the committee pointing out that a large number of water treatment plants for factories built on the Zarqa River have been constructed and that the construction of other plants has been delayed for technical obstacles which will be overcome soon. At the end of the meeting, the committee decided to submit a recommendation to the Ministry of Information to continue its campaign of drawing people's attention to the significance of cleanliness and the protection of environment for public safety purposes.

Sudan assures Chad it won't help rebels

KHARTOUM, Jan. 11 (A.P.) — President Jaafar Numeiri has promised Chadian President Goukouni Oueddei that Sudan will not be a base for Chadian rebels, the state radio reported today. The radio quoted Foreign Minister Mohammed Mirghani as saying Sudan would reopen its embassy in the Chadian capital, and resume commercial flights to Chad as a sign of support for Goukouni's government.

World Bank lends \$29m to Morocco

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (A.P.) — The World Bank announced today a \$29 million loan to Morocco to support an agricultural development project in the Atlas Mountains. The loan will support a project combining interrelated actions in the forest, on the range and in cropping land.

Shamir returns to Israel

TEL AVIV, Jan. 11 (R) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir returned to Israel today from a visit to Rome and said Israel's dialogue with the Vatican and the Italian government would continue. Mr. Shamir told reporters Israel's position in Europe had improved because of the change in France's attitude to the region and growing understanding in Europe that there could be no Middle East solution without taking Israel's interests and attitudes into account. Italian Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini had proved to be a real friend who understood Israel's problems, Mr. Shamir said. Mr. Shamir said he told Pope John Paul II he hoped the Pontiff would one day visit Israel.

Recognition of Israel to be decided by all Arabs, Saudi Arabia says

BAHRAIN, Jan. 11 (R) — Saudi Arabia today ruled out recognition of Israel, except with the agreement of all Arab states and the Palestinians. A royal palace spokesman, quoted by the Saudi press agency, said recognition of Israel and peace negotiations with it should be decided by all Arabs. He said Saudi Arabia "does not accept any reference suggesting that Palestinians have to negotiate with or recognise Israel because no individual or group can speak for the Palestinians and because these issues of destiny must be decided by the Arab Nation."

Khaddam seeks to block U.S. veto

KUWAIT, Jan. 11 (R) — Syria has asked Saudi Arabia and other Gulf governments to try to prevent a United Nations veto of possible United Nations sanctions on Israel over its annexation of the Golan Heights, informed sources said today. They said touring Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam was also urging the Gulf nations to take measures against the U.S. if Washington blocked action by the U.N. Security Council against Israel. Syria has called for sanctions by the council which is currently debating the Golan issue after Israel rejected a council resolution last month demanding that the annexation be reversed. The Reagan administration backed the council resolution and

problem and the issue of recognition of Israel. Last week, the New York Times newspaper quoted Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal as saying in an interview that if Israel returned occupied Arab lands and recognised Palestinian rights, the kingdom would be prepared to "accept it." The Saudi government denied the following day that the statement meant the kingdom was prepared to recognise Israel and today's statement said: "The kingdom's policy on this subject is stated and known by the Arab Nation and the struggling Palestinian people."

Saudi Arabia appears disturbed by Arab and other interpretations that its Middle East peace plan, announced last August, offers implicit recognition of Israel. The eight-point plan, which has been opposed by some Arab countries and rejected by Israel, supports the right of all Middle East countries to live in peace and the creation of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital. Meanwhile, prince Talal, a one-time Saudi finance minister and a brother of King Khaled who is currently the kingdom's special envoy to UNESCO, was quoted over the weekend by the Paris magazine Quotidien de Paris as saying: "If Israel was not mentioned by name (in the plan), I think it was because the authors of the plan felt that the Palestinians ought to recognise the Israelis and the Israelis ought to recognise the Palestinians."

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Chadi Klibi
Arab League secretary due here Wednesday

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (Petra) — Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi will arrive in Amman on Wednesday for a two-day visit to Jordan. During the visit, Mr. Klibi will meet high-ranking Jordanian officials and exchange views with them on ways to achieve Arab solidarity to confront the anti-Arab designs, and to resume work of the 12th Arab summit conference in Morocco. Mr. Klibi's visit to Jordan is part of a tour he is making to several Arab capitals within the framework of the Arab contacts currently being made to build Arab solidarity and to cleanse the Arab atmosphere.

Klibi accuses U.S. of double standards

BEIRUT, Jan. 11 (A.P.) — Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi today accused the U.S. administration of applying "double standards" in its foreign policy by imposing sanctions against the Soviet Union over the Polish crisis while refusing to endorse sanctions against Israel for annexing Syria's Golan Heights. Mr. Klibi spoke at a news conference here at the end of a two-day visit in which he discussed the situation in Lebanon with President Elias Sarkis and other officials. Referring to the ongoing debate at the United Nations Security Council on the Golan, Mr. Klibi said the Arabs were "very disappointed by the failure of a superpower such as the United States, for whose people we have great respect and whose administration we support for upholding human rights, to cooperate with the Arabs in their demands (for sanctions)."

He added: "We would have expected U.S. policies to be based on these principles because it is unreasonable for the United States to impose sanctions regarding the Polish issue but oppose the imposition of sanctions against Israel over the Golan issue. It is impossible that this is the same country which imposed an arms embargo on Turkey in 1974 for violating NATO agreements on arms use, but when Israel used these same American arms for aggressive purposes which are a violation of arms sales agreements between the United States and Israel, this according to U.S. views does not deserve punishment." Mr. Klibi said.

Mr. Klibi warned that the U.S. attitude was "very dangerous and only serves to convince us even more that the United States has double standards and measures depending on the source of aggression and this does not encourage the development of Arab-U.S. relations." Mr. Klibi said Arab foreign ministers would soon meet in preparation for an Arab summit conference and decide what steps should be taken in case of a U.S. veto at the Security Council. He did not say when the summit would be held. He also urged the Security Council to endorse the Arab League draft resolution which he said calls for "political, military and economic sanctions against Israel based on the U.N. Charter." Endorsement, he said, would give the international body "credibility."

Mr. Klibi also affirmed his belief that the Israeli annexation decision had "created an atmosphere of unity" among Arabs. "Israel, in its aggression, always gives the Arabs added cause to act fast in working towards unity." He said such Arab solidarity would be conducive to achieving Arab goals at the forthcoming Arab summit. The last summit conference, at the Moroccan city of Fez on Nov. 25, broke up only five hours after it opened because of differences over a Saudi Arabian Mideast peace plan. He said the next summit would discuss all issues which had been slated for discussion last November. "No item has been scrapped," Mr. Klibi said, indicating the Saudi plan would remain on the

agenda. The foreign ministers may include new items on the agenda as well, he said. Asked about Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi's threat to boycott any future summits because of his opposition to the Saudi plan outlined by Crown Prince Fahd, Mr. Klibi said Col. Qadhafi was speaking on a personal level and the Arab League had no indication Libya would boycott although Col. Qadhafi himself might not attend. Mr. Klibi's visit to Lebanon was mainly concerned with establishing an Arab committee on southern Lebanon in compliance with a resolution made at Fez summit. The resolution on Lebanon, the only one passed before the conference broke up, called for "a unified Arab strategy to confront any Israeli aggression especially on South Lebanon," a communiqué released at the time said. Among the steps to be implemented by this strategy, according to the communiqué, are "the application of diplomatic and political pressure on countries which support Israel," the need for "all Arab countries to participate in implementing this strategy," and the setting up of a sub-committee for this purpose. Mr. Klibi said several Arab countries will have representatives on the committee, but he did not name them. "All Arab countries had agreed to finance the committee," he said, adding that the committee was expected to meet at the Arab League headquarters in Tunis sometime in February.

Percy, Fahd hold talks

BAHRAIN, Jan. 11 (R) — Senator Charles Percy, chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, conferred today with Saudi Crown Prince Fahd, the Saudi press agency said without giving details. The senator is on a Middle East tour that has already taken him to Israel, Jordan, Egypt and Sudan. He goes to the United Arab Emirates on Friday for a three-day stay, the Emirates news agency said.

Mr. Lewis recently returned from a trip to Washington for consultations with Mr. Haig who is to meet with Israeli and Egyptian leaders on Palestinian "autonomy." Mr. Haig is due here Thursday from Cairo. "The purpose of the (Haig) trip is to advance the peace process," Mr. Lewis said after his meeting with Mr. Begin. Mr. Begin discussed "mutual security" and other problems with visiting members of a defence committee of the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations

Begin receives letter from Reagan

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan. 11 (A.P.) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin met today with U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis who gave him a personal letter from President Ronald Reagan, a spokesman for the premier said. Spokesman Uri Porat declined to comment on the contents of the letter but said Mr. Begin would answer the message after meeting here with Secretary of State Alexander Haig later in the week. But Israeli army radio reported that the letter urged Mr. Begin to push forward with talks on "Palestinian self-rule as outlined in the

Camp David accords." Mr. Lewis recently returned from a trip to Washington for consultations with Mr. Haig who is to meet with Israeli and Egyptian leaders on Palestinian "autonomy." Mr. Haig is due here Thursday from Cairo. "The purpose of the (Haig) trip is to advance the peace process," Mr. Lewis said after his meeting with Mr. Begin. Mr. Begin discussed "mutual security" and other problems with visiting members of a defence committee of the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations

Committee, according to delegation head Joseph Abbado. The New York Democrat said he did not think the United States would use foreign aid to pressure Israel. "I don't think we have in the past, and I don't think we will in the future," Mr. Abbado told reporters after the meeting. Mr. Abbado refrained from criticising Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights. "I can really understand why Israel has taken the action, Israel waited 14 years for Syria to make a move," he said.

Haig 'hopes to revitalise autonomy talks'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig hopes to revitalise Israeli-Egyptian negotiations on Palestinian "self-rule" when he visits the Middle East this week and to mend fences with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, according to diplomatic sources here. The negotiations on self-rule for the Palestinians in the Israeli occupied West Bank and Gaza have been dragging on since May, 1979, and many diplomats believe they will come to nothing. Israel and Egypt want President Reagan to appoint a special presidential emissary to take part in the negotiations. But there is no indication the United States is about to do so.

The United States is represented in the talks by its ambassadors to Israel and Egypt, Samuel Lewis and Alfred Atherton. They visited Washington last week to give Mr. Haig their views on the negotiations. State Department officials said Mr. Haig will listen to the ideas of President Hosni Mubarak and Mr. Begin in his visits to Egypt and Israel. But they would not say whether he would also present

specific proposals. Mr. Haig's visit comes during a low ebb in relations between the U.S. and Israel. The close relationship was jolted last summer by Israeli air raids on Palestinian positions in Lebanon, including an attack on Beirut with few hundred civilian casualties, and the bombing of an Iraqi nuclear reactor. Relations were patched up when the two countries signed a strategic cooperation agreement during Mr. Begin's visit here last September. Mr. Haig said the agreement carried with it "mutual obligations of both parties... to consider the vital interests of the other."

Iran executes 19 leftists

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Agencies) — Nineteen members of leftist groups were executed in Iran during the weekend for opposing the regime, Tehran newspapers reported today. The newspapers said 15 people faced a firing squad in the central city of Arak after a revolutionary tribunal found them guilty of the religious offences of "being corrupt on earth" and "waging war against God." Four "counter-revolutionaries" were also shot in the Caspian resort of Babol and the southern city of Behbahan, the papers said. Some 2,150 people, mostly left-wingers, have been executed in Iran since the clergy-led government launched a violent crackdown against its opponents last summer. Yesterday police arrested two members of the radical people's Mujahadeen who were trying to assassinate Majlis (parliament) Deputy Hajjotollah Movahed Kermani, according to the newspapers. One of the detainees committed suicide by swallowing cyanide shortly after being taken to prison, they said.

Meanwhile, the speaker of Iran's Majlis condemned the assassination attempt on the brother of President Ali Khamenei in Tehran, calling it an "empty act without a goal," Tehran radio reported. The radio, broadcasting a tape of Ali Akbar Rafsanjani's speech delivered in parliament this morning, quoted him as saying "not even the Mafia has stooped so low to remove characters who are loved and respected by the people." Mohammad Khamenei, a parliament deputy from the northeastern city of Mashhad and the head of the parliament's judicial sub-committee, who shot and wounded in the capital yesterday, and two of his guards killed by assailants who fled after the incident. Mr. Rafsanjani said, "the actions of these hypocrites are like those committed by the Zionists in Palestine, like those of the Mafia, the CIA (U.S. Central Intelligence Agency) and the British intelligence service. They also try to remove persons most loved by the people."

Mr. Begin hit back with an unprecedented statement to Ambassador Lewis, accusing the United States of treating Israel like a "vassal" and a "banana republic." Top U.S. officials, including Mr. Haig, have tried to calm the situation, and Mr. Haig is expected to try to avoid any further clashes in Tel Aviv.

Hassan leaves for Bonn

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan today left Amman for Bonn for a working visit which will last several days. During the visit, Prince Hassan will meet with West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher. Prince Hassan was seen off at Amman airport by Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi, Chief Islamic Justice Sheikh Ibrahim Al Qattan and several other officials.

Parliamentarian ends 1-day visit

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (Petra) — Secretary-General of the Arab Parliamentary Union (APU) Abdul Rahman Buwari left Amman this evening at the end of a one-day visit to Jordan. In a statement to the Jordan News Agency Petra, upon arrival this morning, Mr. Buwari, who is also a member of the Algerian National Assembly, said that his visit to Jordan is part of the contacts and meetings which the union's secretariat is making with member parliaments with the aim of coordinating Arab stands and strengthening cooperation among Arab parliaments. Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Bahjat Al Talhouni received at his office Mr. Buwari. During the meeting, they discussed the important topics which will be raised in the 12th session of the APU scheduled to be held in Kuwait on Jan. 30.

Swedish team to visit Jordan

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (J.T.) — An official Swedish delegation representing the Swedish Telecommunications Administration is due to arrive in Amman tomorrow. The delegation is headed by the Director-General of the Telecommunications Administration Tony Hagstrom. He will be accompanied by the Managing-Director of the Swedish Telecommunications International (SWEDTEL) Janne Blohm, and by Mr. Hans Andersson, member of the board of directors. The delegation will conduct discussions with officials of the Jordan Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) for the purpose of strengthening relations between the two organisations, and to discuss questions of mutual interests in the field of telecommunications.

NATO warns Moscow on Poland

BRUSSELS, Jan. 11 (R) — The Western allies warned the Soviet Union today that they were ready to impose economic and other sanctions if the situation in Poland does not improve. A 16-point declaration issued after a special meeting of foreign ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) said their governments were poised to institute trade curbs and other restrictions in reprisal against the Kremlin. "The Soviet Union has no right to determine the political and social development of Poland," they said in a statement. The ministers set no specific timetable or detailed programme for trade sanctions but said they recognised the importance of economic measures and would take care not to undermine any actions

decided among them at national level. NATO governments would each study the possibilities of restricting the movements of Soviet diplomats, reducing scientific and technical cooperation and not renewing cultural agreements, the statement said. The 15 Western allies specified three conditions for a return to normal relations with Poland—an end to martial law, the release of detainees and the resumption of dialogue between the state, the church and trade unions. They said that what was happening in Poland was in clear violation of the 1975 Helsinki agreement on human rights and civil liberties. And they denounced what they called a massive violation of human rights and the suppression

of fundamental civil liberties under Poland's month-old military crackdown. The ministers warned that any Soviet armed intervention in Poland would have the most profound implications for international relations and particularly for U.S.-Soviet talks on nuclear arms reductions due to resume in Geneva tomorrow. The allies said they were resolved "that the quality of their relations with the military regime in Poland should reflect the abnormality of the current situation and their refusal to accept it as permanent." In particular they decided to suspend any future commercial credits to Poland for goods other than food. Walesa puts pressure on generals, page 8

Polish, Soviet leaders open talks

MOSCOW, Jan. 11 (R) — Polish Foreign Minister Jozef Czerw began talks here today that are expected to centre on the future course of the Warsaw military government and the position of the Polish Communist Party. He met Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko this morning and Polish sources said the talks would cover a wide range of Polish internal and foreign policy issues and bilateral relations. The sources said Mr. Czerw was visiting Moscow strictly in his capacity as foreign minister and not as an envoy of the ruling military council, which took power on Dec. 13. Mr. Czerw is not a member of the council but, as a member of the Communist Party's ruling politburo, he is the first high-ranking Polish official to visit Moscow since the imposition of martial law. Western diplomats said Soviet

officials would almost certainly question Mr. Czerw about the position of the party under martial law and any dissatisfaction within its leadership to the army takeover. According to Western reports a number of Communists have left the party in protest against the takeover. The reports also suggest that the party is being further weakened by purges of liberals and hard-liners. In recent weeks the Soviet Union has made clear its approval of martial law, but it has also indicated concern that the party's position could worsen if it is excluded from a direct role in government for a long time. Polish sources here said Mr. Czerw, who arrived yesterday for a two-day visit, would have further talks with Mr. Gromyko this afternoon and would also attend an official banquet. Mr. Gromyko is expected to

make a speech at the banquet that will probably provide the first statement by a senior Soviet leader on Poland since the army crackdown. Western diplomats said Mr. Gromyko would probably renew Soviet assurances of political and economic support. He would also use the occasion to comment on the United States' imposition of economic sanctions on Poland and the Soviet Union. President Reagan imposed the sanctions earlier this month because of what he described as Moscow's direct involvement in the military takeover. The Soviet Union has denied any involvement. Western diplomats said they expected Mr. Gromyko's speech and official reports of Mr. Czerw's meetings to avoid any statements that could be interpreted in the West as interference.

Settlers reject Begin's money lure

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan. 11 (A.P.) — Israeli settlers from the Sinai town of Yamit today rejected a government compensation offer and threatened to forcibly resist evacuation before the area is returned to Egypt. "Unfortunately, violence is the only language that the government understands," said Mr. Yosi Sela, a Yamit factory owner. "I believe 90 per cent of the Yamit residents will not budge, unless conditions change." The evacuation could turn into "a national disaster, they will have to move us by force," he told a news conference. Under its peace treaty with Egypt, Israel must evacuate the final third of Sinai, occupied in 1967, by April 25. The area will come under the supervision of a U.S.-sponsored multi-national force. Failure to persuade 3,000 settlers to leave Sinai peacefully could mean a political crisis for the government of Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who has staked

his personal prestige on the decision of a government arbitration committee. Last week Mr. Begin persuaded his reluctant cabinet to accept a 4.1-billion shekel (\$262 million) for the Sinai settlers, an increase of 20 per cent over previous offers. Finance Minister Yoram Aridor, who opposed the increase, said the payment would torpedo his plan to cut inflation which reached 103 per cent last year.

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Vocational training in Jordan (Part 2)

How to attract Jordanians to the trades

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of a six-part series in which Dina Matar looks in depth into Jordan's experiment in vocational training. In the first part, published yesterday, the writer examined the shift in social attitudes on vocations, which has come about as a result of the 'fruitful' results of the country's successive economic and social development plans. Today, she highlights the role played by the Vocational Training Corporation in planning and providing training opportunities for Jordanians.

THE VOCATIONAL Training Corporation's (VTC) new five-year plan (1981-1985), aims at training some 8,000 males within its apprenticeship courses, and another 6,000 within its upgrading courses.

It also plans to induce females to join its vocational training programmes, especially tailored to fit the needs of the society and suit its customs. Furthermore, the VTC, which so far has been utilising facilities offered by the Ministry of Education to train its student body, plans to build ten big training complexes in different parts of the country.

Starting from scratch five years ago, the VTC has gone a long way. Over the years, it has been the only agency offering in-plant (on-the-job) training, as

well as upgrading courses for already employed labourers.

To date, the VTC has concentrated its efforts in the industrial sector. But, according to its energetic director, engineer Munther Al Masri, the corporation will soon shift some of its attention to agricultural-type training.

What has set the VTC apart is the flexibility of its on-the-job training programmes, channelled into two main functions: the two-to-three-year full education and training course for dropouts of compulsory levels, and the upgrading programme designed to train employed labourers. Not only does the training programme provide an outlet for the academically weak or economically insecure, but it also helps meet the country's ever-

increasing demands for skilled manpower.

And, although no statistics are available to assess whether people prefer on-the-job or institutional training, it seems that the VTC programmes have met with success. The quick economic returns of the system have lured many to enrol in the VTC programmes, and the training conditions -- trainee undertakes a three-month educational course before joining his post -- have helped apprentices acquire skills in no time.

In a bid to induce more compulsory school dropouts to join VTC programmes, companies providing training to the apprentices pay a nominal JD 25 a month for first-year trainees, JD 30 for second-year trainees, and a full salary for third-year students.

The VTC predominantly produces skilled labourers, and until now has no facilities to graduate technicians or professionals. "The time lag element plays a role here, because institutions take a long time to be built, and we need on-the-spot results," Mr. Masri explained.

Industries and companies in Jordan have been quick to realise the importance of initiating on-the-job vocational training. But, the private sector has been quicker in providing training facilities to the VTC apprentices.

The VTC has two main programmes, the long-term apprenticeship course, consisting of two to three years after the compulsory stage, and the flexible upgrading course geared towards improving the skills of employed labourers. Lacking facilities of its own, the VTC has been using some training centres belonging to the Ministry of Education.

Last year, the number of apprentices joining the VTC pro-

gramme were a little over 2,000, while those enrolling in the summer upgrading courses were about 2500. Local companies have contributed a lot to apprenticeship programmes by providing the training facilities.

Traditionally, industries in the developing countries do not consider manpower training as part of their function. But, in Jordan, there has been a switch in roles. "Our job is to get industries to believe that they have an equally important role in preparing manpower and skilled labour in the country," Mr. Masri told the Jordan Times. "This implies that they have to subsidise training very heavily, since they are the ones to benefit in the end."

Small to big companies have been coordinating with the VTC to take on as many apprentices as possible every year, and the trainees are considered as part of the working force in the company, since they are allocated monthly, though nominal, wages, which increases every year, according to the skills and performance of the trainee. To ensure that everything goes on smoothly, the VTC requires two kinds of documents before training starts. Mr. Masri explained that there is an apprenticeship document signed between the trainee and the employer, the company where he will be training. Another letter of agreement is approved by both the VTC itself and the company or the employer. "We also specify the release time of the apprentice for the three-month theoretical education, since also alongside the practical training the apprentice should take some educational and related theoretical instruction," Mr. Masri said.

The VTC programme has exceeded all expectations, according

to one industrialist in Jordan, but more is needed to be done. In view of the rapid expansion in industry, Jordan is still short of local skilled labour.

Mr. Masri said the VTC will be approaching big industries during the next two years to encourage them to initiate their own training centres attached to their plants. "We will approach seven big industries during our next five-year plan," he said, "because, in the long run, it will reduce the pressure on our already squeezed facilities."

Trainees spend most of their time in the factory, next to their employers, but Jordan has not reached the stage where training is as permanent a feature as production. "Vocational training is time-consuming and reaping its results would take more than ten years at least," Mr. Masri said.

The VTC not only offers training to newly-graduated school students, but it also provides training to would-be supervisors and trainers. "This has reduced problems of recruiting skilled supervisors for training our students," Mr. Masri said, "because we undertake the training of our own supervisors, especially in small industries where supervisory facilities are lacking."

In view of its quick economic returns -- a trainee can earn money while he is training -- the programmes flexibility in terms of accepting the students has lured many young Jordanians to join the apprenticeship programmes. There are no restrictions either with respect to the academic achievement of the student.

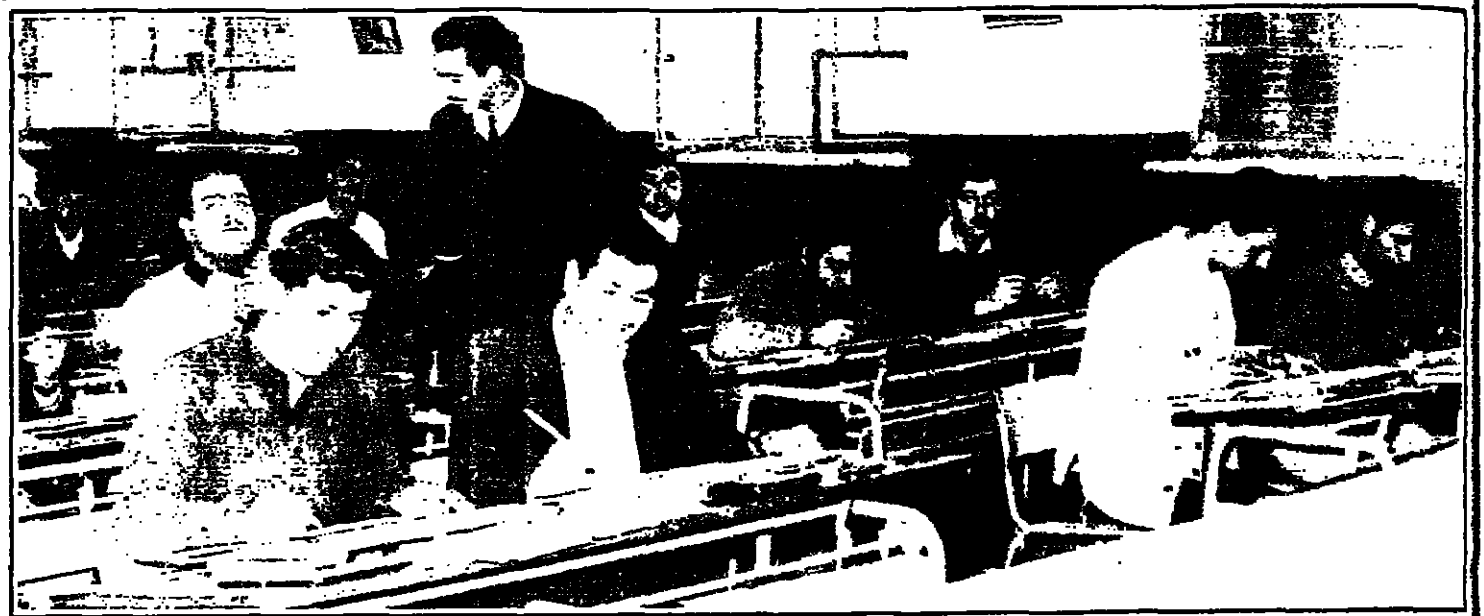
Twelve kilometres south of Amman, six VTC trainees were busy installing electrical app-

liances in a workshop supervised by the Jordanian Electric Power Company (JEPSCO). Nineteen-year-old Ahmad Ali Abu Hawwash told the Jordan Times that he chose vocational training because his academic achievements were below standard, and "my social situation forced me to join this programme." Ahmad comes from an 11-member family. "I like the work, and the eight-hour job prepares us for tougher jobs in the future," he said.

Majed Ayed Ismail, 19, said that his academic achievement would have enabled him to continue, not only his secondary schooling, but his university education as well. "But, the family conditions and my own interest in the vocational field made me join this rewarding career," Majed added that he would like to continue his education sometime in

the future. "But, I am sure that the money I will get will be much more than the meagre salary I would earn if I were a university graduate."

JEPSCO has been one of the pioneering Jordanian companies to train VTC apprentices. Last year, 80 students were given on-the-job training in its various workshops around Jordan. "Next year, we plan to increase the number to about 100 apprentices," according to engineer Fathi Sakah, head of the training unit at the company. He told the Jordan Times that his company has long formulated a far-sighted policy. "By training these apprentices, we are sure we will attract them to work with us in the future, because training local manpower is an investment, much more important than initiating hundreds of projects with no manpower to fill in the needs," he said.



Technical drawing class at the Irbid Industrial Secondary School for boys, one of the first Ministry of Education institutes to be utilised by the Vocational Training Corporation.

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NATIONAL

NCC considers foreign loans, hears replies to proposals

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (Petra) — The National Consultative Council (NCC) met today under Speaker Ahmad Al Tarawneh, in the presence of Prime Minister Mudar Badran and cabinet ministers. The NCC approved several draft laws and heard the government's answers to the inquiries and proposals of NCC members.

The NCC referred to its financial committee the draft law ratifying the loan agreement for the fourth electric power project, between Jordan and the World Bank; the second loan agreement for the Amman water project, between the Saudi Development

Fund and Jordan; a draft law to ratify an amendment to the loan agreement for the Amman water and sewerage project, between the Saudi Development Fund and Jordan, and a draft law ratifying a loan agreement for the industrial port in Aqaba, between the Saudi Development Fund and Jordan.

The NCC also heard the government's answers to proposals on the expansion of roads leading from Irbid to the Koura, Taybah and Kafir Yuba areas. It also heard government answers to other proposals. These included the question of transferring the tel-

ephones of subscribers from one place to another; new telephone numbers for new tenants, and greater attention to Islamic architectural traditions in new buildings.

The NCC approved the decisions of the financial committee regarding the ratification of several loan agreements. These included an agreement between Iraq and Jordan; a loan for the irrigation of Ghor Al Safi from the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED), and a loan for the Amman irrigation project, also from KFAED.

On eve of embassy opening

Canadian envoy praises ties with Jordan

By Lima Nabli
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Jan. 11 — Canada's non-resident Ambassador to Jordan Theodore Arcand yesterday expressed his admiration and appreciation of Jordan's economic strength and social prestige. He said His Majesty King Hussein's visit to Canada last November was welcomed on both the official and the popular levels, and had a great positive impact on the relations between the two countries.

In an interview with the Jordan Times, Mr. Arcand said that political talks between the officials of the two countries had led to agreement to raise the level of diplomatic representation. The Ottawa government has decided to open an embassy in Amman, and this will be done soon, he said.

Mr. Arcand said: "We wish to strengthen relations between the two countries on all levels, and we have taken the first step by organizing an exhibition of the work of six Canadian photographers."

Many viewers have already attended the exhibition, which Her Majesty Queen Noor opened. The exhibition, organized in cooperation with the Culture and Arts Department, will remain open for one week at the Jordan International Hotel so that the largest number of photography fans can see the Canadian work. It includes 64 photographs, representing various aspects of the social life and natural environment in Canada, the ambassador said.

The exhibition will later travel to Lebanon and Syria. Ambassador Arcand said: "Mr. Arcand said that the Canadian government aspires to strengthen its relations with Jordan in many areas. "While we participate in CARE (Cooperative for American Relief Everywhere) projects — in which Canadians constitute 60 per cent of the employees — we are participating in other projects such as the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Salt," he said. He mentioned other charitable and social services rendered by Canadian organizations in Ma'an for the bedouins, and in Mafrq, Al Rafiq and Al Husseiniyah.

Mr. Arcand said he regretted that the Canadian people do not know much about Jordan. "Therefore, I would like to ask the Jordanian officials, particularly those of the Department of Culture and Arts and the Antiquities Department, to send some antiquity pieces, paintings and Jordanian artists to Canada, so that the Canadian people could get acquainted with Jordan's heritage and its ancient and modern cultures," Ambassador Arcand said.

'81 Mafrq farm loans total JD 1.3m

MAFRAQ, Jan. 11 (J.T.) — Agricultural Credit Corporation Mafrq Branch Director Na'im Baqa'in has stated that the branch gave JD 1,368,550 in loans to 272 persons last year. These loans were spent on drilling artesian wells and financing seven projects for breeding sheep and poultry. Al Ra'i newspaper reported today.

The paper quoted Mr. Baqa'in as saying that 200 artesian wells in the area irrigate 40,000 dunums. It is hoped that the number of these wells will be increased, he said.

He added that the corporation also provides loans for the construction of modern farm buildings, and to finance the purchase of cattle.

Meanwhile, Housing Bank Mafrq Branch Manager Sultan Al Zo'bi said that the bank financed the building of 110 housing units last year. He added that the bank gave JD 396,700 in loans for this purpose.

ment and modern cultures," Ambassador Arcand said.

Mr. Arcand praised the strong ties between the University of Jordan and Canadian universities. He said Canadian universities have given books to the University of Jordan library, and pointed out that there are several Canadian professors at the University of Jordan, and a number of Jordanian graduate students in Canada.

Asked about the prospects of

strengthening Jordanian-Canadian relations, the ambassador said that a Canadian film week in Amman was planned. It will begin on Jan. 16 at the Haya Arts Centre, he said.

Asked about the prospects of greater economic and trade cooperation between Jordan and Canada, Mr. Arcand said "we hope to expand in this field, since the Jordanian market is favourably accepting Canadian products."

Public questioned on needs for Abu Nusair apartments

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (J.T.) — The Housing Corporation has prepared a questionnaire for distribution to the public within the next few days, to obtain detailed information related to apartments in the Abu Nusair housing project now under construction.

The questionnaire is intended both to acquaint people with the project's location, rent and price levels and conditions for ownership; and to gather information on the financial and social conditions of those seeking housing. A family's monthly income and number of members are among the most important questions.

After the Housing Corporation receives the filled questionnaires, it will study them in preparation for decisions on who may get apartments. The corporation will take into consideration in its decisions the numbers of family members compared to apartments' floor areas.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Police mark Prophet's birthday

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (Petra) — The Public Security Directorate celebrated the Prophet Mohammad's birthday today. A representative of the directorate, the Awqaf Ministry under-secretary, and others made speeches praising this glorious occasion and highlighting the Prophet's great qualities, as well as the lessons which should be learned from this anniversary. Public Security Director Lt. Gen. Mohammad Idris, and senior and non-commissioned officers attended the ceremony.

French, Jordanian mappers meet

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (Petra) — Jordanian National Geographic Centre Director General Col. Ra'fat Al Majali had talks today with a French delegation representing the French group for cartography and the French geographical centre on ways to strengthen relations between the two in survey sciences. The talks also dealt with the agreement concluded between the centre and the French group in 1975 stemming from a technical and cultural cooperation, stipulating that the French group should render technical and training expertise to the centre survey engineering. The French delegation arrived in Amman yesterday for a four-day visit to Jordan.

Jurists' terms extended

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (J.T.) — The cabinet has agreed to extend by one year the government service of Court of Cassation Judge Fawwaz Al Rousan. Jerusalem Court of Appeals Judge Daoud Abu Ghazaleh, Director of Public Prosecution Sa'id Al Durra, Court of Cassation Judge Salah Isheidat, Court of Cassation Judge Nasib 'Azar, Cassation Court Judge Mohammad Al Nasser, Cassation Court Judge Ibrahim Hijazin and Judge Wadi Salah.

Idris sees Iraqi ambassador

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (Petra) — Public Security Director General Lt. Gen. Mohammad Idris received at his office today Iraqi Ambassador in Amman Ibrahim Shuja' Sultan. During the meeting, they discussed scopes of cooperation in public security between the two countries.

European flour for refugees

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (Petra) — The regional office of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) in Amman announced today that a shipment of 906 tonnes of flour arrived recently in Aqaba Port as part of the contributions of the European Economic Community to assist Palestinian refugees.

Crescent chief due in Bulgaria

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (Petra) — Jordanian National Red Crescent Society President Ahmad Abu Qoura will visit Bulgaria at the end of March to attend the annual meeting of the Bulgarian Red Cross Society.

During the visit, he will get acquainted with the programmes and plans of the Bulgarian Red Cross.



Her Majesty Queen Noor presents a diploma to a graduate at the Jordan School of Nursing Monday (Petra photo)

Nursing school graduates 73

By Samira Kaway
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Jan. 11 — A new class of 73 nurses and midwives graduated from the Jordan School of Nursing today. As an audience of 500 parents, friends, graduate nurses and teachers looked on, Her Majesty Queen Noor handed out diplomas to the college's 27th class of midwives, its 26th group of nursing graduates and the fourth class of nurses specialising in midwifery.

Minister of Health Zuhair Malhas, in an opening address at the ceremony, evaluated the level which nursing services in Jordan have attained. Due to increased health awareness in official and public circles, he said, many health services in Jordan have reached very high standards, while others could be described as satisfactory.

Although both the status and standard of the nursing profession in Jordan have risen significantly over the past several years, Dr.

Malhas said, there is still a need to enhance them. He stressed the importance of the integral role of the nurse in medical teamwork, and the need for highly qualified nurses to complement and back up the physician's work.

Dr. Malhas pointed out that the Ministry of Health's first priority is to offer medical services to all Jordanian citizens. Hence, he said, the ministry is constantly working to provide highly qualified Jordanian nurses. "If the nursing profession has not gained the respect that it deserves from society, it is everyone's fault," he asserted.

He cited famous women of early Islamic days who had nobly nursed fighters during battles, and had gained honour and veneration for their work. "Today, in the 15th Islamic century, it would behoove us to adopt the attitude of respect that nurses enjoyed in the early days of Islam," Dr. Malhas said. He urged more parents to encourage their daughters to take up nursing.

Speaking on behalf of the graduates, Miss Salwa Abu Al Semeeed thanked Queen Noor for participating in the ceremony, and for her continued encouragement of the nursing profession. Miss Samira Qumuk, head of the Jordan School of Nursing, made a short speech in which she outlined the college's history and educational system. The college, she said, was established by the Ministry of Health to teach midwifery in 1952. A year later a nursing school was added, for girls only.

In 1966, acceptance conditions were changed, and young men were admitted for training as well. A separate school offering specialised training in midwifery was established in 1977, and then amalgamated with the college in 1978.

Miss Qumuk said that the college offers a three-year diploma course, a four-year nursing diploma course and a one-year postgraduate programme in midwifery.

Besides offering training facilities to its own students, the college also offers training in midwifery to nursing students from the Royal Medical Services, the Jordan University Hospital and private hospitals such as the Islamic hospital.

Miss Qumuk added that several new ideas were being studied, and considered for implementation at the college. One such idea is changing the education system to one of semesters instead of years, she said. Another is to hold training courses to improve the qualifications of teachers of nursing.

The college is also working to establish official recognition of its nursing diploma as academically equivalent to the nursing B.Sc. degree offered by the University of Jordan, and to increase the number of scholarships for nurses wishing to specialise abroad in specific fields.

Queen Noor then addressed the graduates in Arabic. She congratulated the graduates, and said that she was conveying to them the greetings of His Majesty King Hussein as they entered their sacred profession. She said she hoped that they would always be an example of dedicated service, and wished them success.

The Queen then handed out the diplomas, bestowing prizes on several outstanding students.

Recital tonight benefits troubled Jerusalem charity

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (J.T.) — Distinguished British pianist John Clegg will perform at the British Council Centre in Jabal Amman on Tuesday evening to benefit the fund-raising drive of the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem.

The recital in itself will surely be worth the price of admission (JD 5); but added incentive to buy a ticket is the worthiness of the cause for which Mr. Clegg is playing. If the Order of St. John fails in its attempt to create a £5,000,000 endowment fund for this much-loved establishment, 1982 — its centenary year — might well end in tragedy.

The hospital, which is one of the Charitable Foundations of the Order of St. John — the other being St. John Ambulance — stands high up on Nablus Road in East Jerusalem. Although it is open to everyone regardless of race, creed or colour, the main patient intake is Palestinian. Treatment charges, which for years never existed, are now minimal. Treatment up to the age of 12, and for the destitute, is free.

Despite the ravages of inflation, soaring maintenance costs and the ever-present political tension, an international staff at the hospital still manages to see over 34,000 patients and perform over 4,000 sight-saving operations.

The hospital has 82 beds, extensive outpatient facilities, two theatres and an eye bank. It provides employment for over 100 local people as well as guaranteeing some kind of employment for young people through its Ophthalmic Nurse Training School.

His Majesty King Hussein has already bequeathed his eyes to the hospital, and has just instigated the King Hussein Fellowship as a further pledge of his support. But much more help is needed.

The order's resources are stretched to the limit. Even with help



John Clegg

from its Priors in the Commonwealth, the Alliance Orders in Europe and the American Society, to continue to maintain the hospital at its present high standard without substantial outside help is not feasible.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

- * The Canadian Photography Exhibition, at the Jordan International Hotel.
- * Architect and Computer (A Man - Machine - System), an exhibition by the Goethe Institute with the Engineers Association, at the Professional Associations Complex.
- * Exhibition of Islamic literature at the Sharf Institute Hall in Jabal Luweibdeh.

Choir singing

- * The YWCA Choir invites all interested singers to its weekly rehearsal at the YWCA, Third Circle, Jabal Amman, at 8 p.m.

New Year Concert

- * The British Council presents Mr. John Clegg, a distinguished British pianist (in aid of St. John Ophthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem), at 7 p.m. Tickets to reception and concert JD 5.

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	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	5	15
Aqaba	13	23
Deserts	5	16
Jordan Valley	15	23

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 13, Aqaba 20. Humidity readings: Amman 60 per cent, Aqaba 48 per cent.



The new Ministry of Tourism calendar begins the year with Princess Fahrelnissa Zaid's 'Derwishes'...

Jordanian artists' work graces Ministry of Tourism calendar

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities is sending out as gifts, all over Jordan and the world, its first very own calendar, for 1982. The calendar's 12 large (68-by-48-centimetre) glossy, well-printed pages of photographs do not depict, as one might have predicted, scenes of Petra, Jerash and Aqaba—instead, with much more originality, the ministry has chosen to show the work of Jordanian artists.

"We are not the department which is responsible for the country's artists," Assistant Director General of Tourism Rafiq Lahham told the Jordan Times, "but we have always encouraged them—as we did, for example, with the Spring National Festival held in Aqaba last April."

"So, from this point of view, we collected together photographs of some of the local artists' paintings, ceramics and sculpture, in order to show our art movement to people all over the world."

The original idea for the calendar came from Director General of Tourism Michael Hamarneh. A selection committee picked paintings to illustrate each month of the year, and by using six small pictures each for November and December, they managed to include work from 22 of the country's artists.

Princess Fahrelnissa Zaid's "Derwishes" begin the year with their wide, white, swirling skirts and their tall brown hats, which perch over calm and peaceful faces. Next is the distinctive textured style of Princess Wijdan Ali, who has captured the dome and minarets of a mosque in shimmering reds against a dark blue and purple sky.

March, April and May are represented by Jordan's three pioneer artists—Rafiq Lahham, Mohanna Durra and Ahmad Nawash—each in his own very individual, original—but now familiar to Jordan's art lovers—style. The latest, softly coloured, gridded, abstract style of Yasser Duwaik starts the summer appropriately, with its hints of long stretches of empty desert over which a large (but not yet fierce) sun rises.

In styles as various as the colours they use, representing all the aspects of Jordanian life from its bedouins to its handicrafts—as well as their own personal visions—the paintings of Saleh Abu Shindi, Afaf Arafat, Samia Zaro, Hafiz Khassiss, Tawfiq Sayyed, Is'ak Nahle, Ali Ghoul, Fouad Mimi, Ibrahim Najjar, Abdul Ra'ouf Shamoun, Diana Shamouni, Shibli Haddadeen and Zaki Shagfeh fill the rest of the calendar, along with photographs of both the sculptural work of Mohammad Sayyed and Abdul Rahman Masri and the wonderful ceramic pieces of Mahmoud Taha.

"We cannot include all of our artists," said Mr. Lahham; "but those who are not represented this year will find a place in the calendar for 1983."

Mr. Lahham designed the calendar, which is written in five languages—Arabic, English, French, Italian and German. The cover bears the Jordanian royal crest, so that it can be used and hung in all the different ministries. The excellent photograph of His Majesty King Hussein and Her Majesty Queen Noor, which precedes the calendar proper, has "already been framed" by some people, Mr. Lahham said.

The photographs of the art work were made by the department's own photographer, Mr. Sa'id Matar, although some of the artists provided the department with slides of their own.

With some financial assistance from the Jordan Express Tourist Transport (JETT) bus company, the ministry has printed 15,000 copies of the calendar, a substantial portion of which have already been distributed to all the overseas Jordanian embassies and offices of Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, as well as to many travel agencies, hotels and restaurants in Europe, America and the Arab World.

In Jordan itself, many individuals have received their own copies, while many more calendars have been sent to all the foreign embassies in Amman, and the armed forces. The Ministry of Education is distributing copies to all its schools.



...and ends it with the work of six Jordanian artists.

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Tass accuses Europe of interventionism

By Richard Balmforth

After initial optimism, the Soviet Union appears to have given up hopes of preventing the military crack-down in Poland from damaging its relations with Western Europe, Western diplomats say.

The clearest signal of Moscow's disappointment came in a commentary by the official news agency TASS, issued last night and published prominently today, that accused the European Common Market countries of interfering in Poland's affairs.

Though Moscow has traded charges freely with Washington since martial law was declared in Poland on Dec. 13, it has until now ignored Western European criticism of events there.

It has maintained that the issue was a domestic matter for Poles in which the Soviet Union played no part.

And without disguising its satisfaction at decisive action which it saw as long overdue, the Kremlin rejected Washington's charges that it had had foreknowledge of the crack-down.

The Soviet media have de-

nounced U.S. sanctions against Moscow and Poland and predicted they will end in failure, but analysts say that Washington's reprisals were no more than Moscow expected.

The Kremlin, however, appears to have been expecting a very different stand from Western Europe.

Diplomats say Moscow clearly hoped the European Economic Community (EEC) would divorce itself from the U.S. reprisals, creating a rift in the Western camp over Poland.

But EEC ministers meeting in Brussels last Monday adopted a dual stand which clearly fell well short of Kremlin hopes of a row between the U.S. and its allies.

While the ministers took no concrete action, they pledged to refrain from undercutting the U.S. sanctions, condemned military repression in Poland and threatened the Kremlin with economic reprisals if it intervened.

The TASS commentary, clearly sanctioned at a high level, said the EEC ministers had had the audacity to express disapproval of Polish events and to tell the Polish

authorities how to handle their own affairs.

TASS went on: "If the unskilled 'advice' is cleared of its hypocritical cover, its essence amounts to demands for freedom of action for those who have tried in every way to plunge Poland in economic collapse and chaos and pursued, with the support of certain circles in the West, a line of undermining the Polish socialist state."

TASS accused the EEC countries of unceremonious interference in Poland's affairs and said their words echoed gross attacks by the U.S.

It charged that they were violating the Helsinki agreements on international conduct, saying their final communiqué contained barely veiled threats and warnings to Poland and its allies.

But referring to the Europeans' decision not to impose direct sanctions, TASS said: "This seems to reflect widespread understanding in Western Europe that preservation of cooperation, including economic, with socialist states is important for West European countries' own long-term

interests."

This phrase indicated Moscow had little fear of effective trade sanctions being applied by Europe.

But the harsh tone of the TASS commentary generally contrasted with earlier Soviet comment that suggested the West Europeans would reject any association with the American action.

On the eve of the EEC meeting, a Soviet television commentator said the Western allies assessed the U.S. measures as crude interference, and were trying to avoid confrontation with the East bloc in the interests of détente.

Western businessmen and diplomats believe that in spite of the EEC's pledge not to undercut U.S. sanctions, West European governments may find it difficult to block business deals effectively.

But the diplomats said Moscow had probably been counting on greater disarray in the ranks of the Western allies, similar to that over U.S. sanctions after Moscow's military intervention in Afghanistan in 1980.

They believe that Moscow had been counting on a tough line by

Bonn against the American position.

It will clearly be disappointed that West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has apparently moved closer to Washington on key aspects of the Polish crisis.

A joint statement by Mr. Schmidt and President Reagan after talks in Washington yesterday indicated that Bonn now agrees with the U.S. view that the Soviet Union is responsible for events in Poland.

Until recently, Moscow also turned a blind eye to the French stand on the Polish crisis. But it broke its silence last Monday, charging Paris with impudent interference in Poland.

The Soviet government newspaper Izvestia accused officials in President Francois Mitterrand's government of dictating what should be done in Warsaw as if Poland was a French department (province).

Mr. Mitterrand has condemned the military crack-down, which he said had meant the loss of public, collective and individual liberties.

-- Reuter

Retreading

THE VISIT to Egypt and Israel later this week of U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig is being played up as a demonstration of the top-level American commitment to inject fresh blood into the stalled Camp David "autonomy" negotiations for Palestinians in the occupied areas. That is a generous but hallucinogenic manner of looking at the Haig visit. We see it more as the mediagenic last ditch effort by baffled old men to retread a tire that has been flat since the moment it was produced. Mr. Haig is a free man, and, like all free men, he has the right to dream, to make believe, to live in a world of illusions and fantasies, and, as he is doing this week, to travel around that world in a jet airplane fuelling the illusionary fires with the presence and prestige of his personality and his office. That is his right as a free man.

If his own people do not have the desire to question why the highest foreign policy official of the United States is involved so deeply in an exercise that merits the attention of the psychedelic industry more than it does the attention of people around the world who are sincerely interested in Arab-Israeli reconciliation and peace — why should Mr. Haig not get on his plane and fly away into a never-never world based on diplomatic make-believe? It is good politics in America to look like a peace-maker and to act like one, too, so why shouldn't Mr. Haig do what he is doing?

Answer: He should not do what he is doing because, for one thing, he is wasting the American taxpayers' money by consuming expensive jet fuel for fairyland trips that are heavy on show and poor on substance. Peace-making is one thing. Retreading flat tires is another. Cannot Mr. Haig spare us the charade and save his people's tax money, just once?

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

A call from the heart

AL RA'I: In his statement to the Kuwaiti Al Anbaa newspaper, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan made a concise but exact summary of the current Arab situation with all the features of weakness and disunity on the one hand and the factors of strength and unity on the other.

Prince Hassan is of the opinion that "the elements of weakness and strength depend on the Arabs themselves to a great extent". This means that the painful Arab situation is the making of the Arabs own hands and that they can reverse it if they opt for the right path and use their massive potentials.

The Arabs lack neither the human nor the material resources. There is nothing that can prevent them from achieving the strength which can enable them to regain their rights and claim their rightful share of political, economic and military strength. The Arabs must understand that regrettably there seems no place in this world except for the logic of strength. The Arabs are weak today because of the absence of their united will and collective strategy.

Prince Hassan called on the Arab states to establish a united and clear political stand when they meet during the forthcoming Fez Arab summit conference which must measure up to its responsibilities by adopting important resolutions to ease the worries and heal the malady from which the Arab Body suffers.

This is sound reason and it is an honest call issued by a responsible Arab citizen to urge the Arabs to take the only way that can lead this nation to safety and enable it to practice its will, regain its rights and assume its proper status among the people of the world.

We urge all the faithful sons of this nation to, listen to this call. We call on them to respond to this call before it is too late.

Tenacity or belligerence

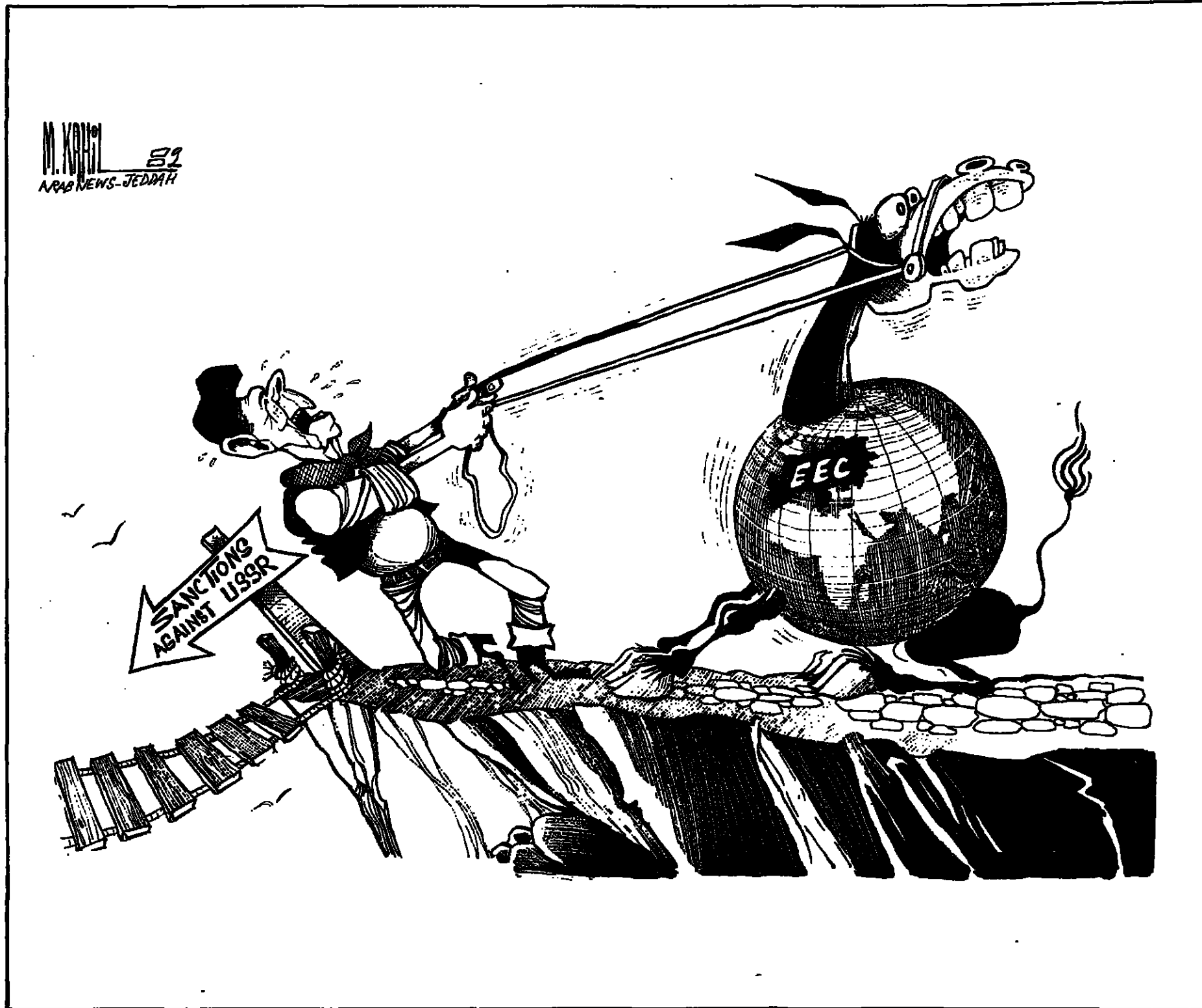
AL DUSTOUR: Israeli Interior Minister Yosef Burg yesterday said that Israel had no intention of discussing new ideas with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig who will begin a tour of Egypt and Israel today. The Israeli minister, who is Israel's chief negotiator on autonomy, stressed Israel's refusal to approve giving Jerusalem citizens the right to vote on the proposed autonomy elections.

It is clear that the Israeli minister aims at obstructing the U.S. Secretary of State's mission not only in Israel but also in Egypt where he will stop first.

This Israeli stand was not beyond our expectations. The Israeli stand was nothing new for those who observe Israel's intransigence and the stand it adopted since Sadat fell in its trap. This Israeli stand was the main reason behind the failure of autonomy talks. It was also one of the reasons behind the failure of Sadat's policy. It is strange to see the United States insist on proceeding with its attempt to impose the Camp David agreements and defy the Arab stand on these agreements which resulted in isolating Egypt from the Arab World and placing it under the humiliation of Israeli intransigence.

These attempts to support the Camp David agreements will only give the aggressor the chance to become more intransigent and this will surely have negative results on the Arab-U.S. relations.

The only alternative that the Arabs would accept is the return to the United Nations Security Council resolutions. All the attempts made outside the United Nations gave the aggressor the excuse to proceed with its aggression and practices which were condemned by the world, including the United States. Hence the statements voiced by Burg should make everyone understand that following the Camp David path will only result in wasted efforts.



Is Brit. two-party system over?

By Barry May

After a year in which British politics was turned upside down with ideological rifts, revolts and a new pretender, battle lines will be drawn in 1982 for an election that could see the established parties rejected.

For the ruling Conservative party, 1981 was the year when rebels in the cabinet and parliament loudly voiced fears of grave electoral consequences from the government's tough economic policies.

For the opposition Labour party, it was a year of turmoil. The left battled with the centre in a ferocious struggle for the soul of the Labour movement, distracting the party from its central task of supplying a socialist challenge to Conservative policy.

Out of the Labour strife was born the Social Democratic Party (SDP), nurtured from nothing to join the minority Liberal party in an alliance now reckoned popular enough to capture the support of a majority of Britain's voters.

This time last year there was no SDP and no alliance. Today, 28 parliamentarians, most of them disaffected Labour members, call themselves Social Democrats.

With a dozen Liberals in the house of commons, the Social Democrat members form a small but influential power bloc.

Already the Social Democrats claim to have broken the mould of the two-party system that has dominated the country most of this century.

The system was, in effect, a

pendulum that swung power back and forth between Labour and Conservatives during general elections to the exclusion of all other contenders.

Britain's traditional first-past-the-post or winner-take-all electoral system — the only such system in the 10 nation European community — ensured that the Liberals, out of government for more than 50 years, remained in third place.

Now, with the Social Democrats emerging as a powerful new political force, the Liberal-SDP alliance is given a real chance in public opinion polls of forming the next British government.

Quite apart from their own internal problem of ideology and philosophy, the prospect of an upstart newcomer seizing the reins of power has shaken the two major parties.

The Times of London commented on the parties: "no longer can any of the familiar landmarks be taken for granted."

Margaret Thatcher, elected Britain's first woman prime minister in 1979, is more than half-way through her five-year term. She is bound by law to call an election by mid-1984.

Mrs. Thatcher, 56, has been widely accused of raising unemployment to nearly three million by insisting on a strategy of reducing inflation by tightly controlling the money supply.

Unemployment is now 12.2 per cent of the workforce, up from around nine per cent a year ago, and economists predict it will burst through the politically-

sensitive three million mark in January, historically a bad month for jobs.

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has forecast that Britain's jobless rate, now the worst in the developed world, will go as high as 3.25 million in 1983.

Unemployment and its social consequences are most often cited for the Conservatives' poor showings in public opinion polls and mid-term by-elections.

Mrs. Thatcher is rated Britain's most unpopular prime minister since surveys of such sentiment began in the 1930s.

But despite the unpopularity, she has stuck doggedly to her monetarist strategy regardless of the political cost.

However, her concentration on fighting inflation, at a peak of 21.8 per cent in May 1980, has met with only limited success.

Inflation was down to 15.3 per cent a year ago and has been trimmed to 12 per cent in the last few months. But it has not reached the government's target of 10 per cent by the end of 1981.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer (finance minister), says the fall will be slower in 1982 and inflation might even increase because of the declining value of sterling.

But with manufacturing output up, economists generally support the optimistic predictions of Mrs. Thatcher and her treasury ministers of brighter economic prospects.

Mrs. Thatcher says 1982 could

be a year of economy recovery, declaring: "I think we're over the worst."

Political sources say the challenge for Mrs. Thatcher in 1982 is to produce enough evidence of recovery from the worst recession in the memory of most Britons to silence her Conservative critics and quash the dissent in the party.

The problems facing Labour's leader Michael Foot are more daunting.

Elected leader in November 1980 at the age of 67, he has presided over a year of bitter feuding that spawned the Social Democrats and depleted Labour's parliamentary ranks by one-tenth.

The left-versus-right struggle for power sidetracked Labour from its role as an alternative to the Conservative government.

The dissension sent Labour's public standing plummeting when it should have taken advantage of an unpopular government.

At Mr. Foot's insistence, the Labour party has agreed to investigate the infiltration of left-wing extremists who now dominate much of its infrastructure.

But with radical socialist Tony Benn, an influential former cabinet minister, actively on the scene and set squarely against the moderate elements of the left, the feuding is far from over.

For the Labour party, founded at the turn of the century as the political arm of the trades union movement, the challenge in 1982 is to put its house in order and present itself as a cogent alternative government, political

sources say.

Mr. Foot, wearied by the infighting, must demonstrate he has sufficient authority and stamina to haul Labour back from the extreme left and hold it together for the election.

In his new year message, Mr. Foot urged the party faithful to abandon sectarian squabbles or lose votes to the new alignment at the centre of British politics, the Social Democrats.

For the Social Democrats, 1982 is the year when they must hold the centre, produce distinct policies not identifiable as recycled Labour or Conservative strategy, and choose a leader from the so-called gang-of-four who founded the party in March.

All four — Roy Jenkins, David Owen, William Rodgers and Shirley Williams — held cabinet posts in Labour governments.

The Liberals, long overshadowed by the Conservative and Labour Parties, must hold their alliance together with the Social Democrats to have any chance of one day sharing power.

Youthful Liberal leader David Steel has already spoken publicly of differences over the choice of election candidates.

Both sides must avoid arrogance and bluster," he says in a new year message.

Both Labour and the Conservatives will be quick to seize on any hint of differences in the alliance to keep it from converting its present popularity into political power.

Retired Soviet Style

(Reuter) — The moon-face and the pudgy figure of the old man was instantly recognisable to the veteran Kremlin watcher who passed him on the banks of the River Moscow not long ago.

Georgy Malenkov, once heir to dictator Josef Stalin, turned 80 today in the obscurity that has enveloped him since he was ousted from power by Nikita Khrushchev 25 years ago.

With former prime minister and foreign minister Vyacheslav Molotov and one-time heavy industry boss Lazar Kaganovich Mr. Malenkov is one of the tiny band of Stalin's lieutenants who were outmanoeuvred by Khrushchev in a power struggle but who finally outlived him.

Mr. Molotov, now 91 but said to be remarkably sprightly for his age, lives an apparently easy life not far from the Kremlin.

Mr. Kaganovich, credited with being the brains behind several prestige building projects in the 1930s, is occasionally seen on warm summer evenings playing dominoes with neighbours outside his Moscow apartment. He is now 88.

But though Mr. Malenkov and his one-time associates enjoy a comfortable retirement they are nonetheless official "non-persons" — their contribution to Soviet history erased from public record.

Moscow takes seriously the 10-yearly birthdays of public figures, past and present, with eulogies in the state-run press.

But as with Mr. Molotov's 90th birthday two years ago there was no official mention of Mr. Malenkov's birthday today.

Mr. Malenkov, Mr. Molotov and Mr. Kaganovich are all believed to enjoy comfortable government pensions, far above the monthly average, of about 400 roubles (\$564).

Mr. Malenkov lives near the Soviet defence ministry opposite Moscow's Gorky Park, but he could have ended his days in remote Kazakhstan where Khrushchev had him banished in 1957.

As a young man Mr. Malenkov rose quickly through Communist Party ranks to become a full member of the ruling politburo under Stalin by the age of 48.

He was tipped the likeliest contender to succeed Stalin when the dictator died in March 1953. He read the main funeral oration when Stalin was buried in Moscow's Red Square.

Appointed Prime Minister, he was clearly a strong contender for ultimate Kremlin power.

But his apparent reluctance to agree with Khrushchev's attacks on Stalinism cost him dearly.

Khrushchev dubbed Mr. Malenkov, Mr. Molotov and Mr. Kaganovich the "anti-party group" and ousted them from the leadership.

One memoirist who was once bear-hugged by him later described him as having "A fat, round face, into which my nose sank as if into a half inflated balloon."

Many middle-aged Russians remember him as the man who scrapped Stalin's much-hated system of taxing the collective farmer on produce from his private plot.

To younger people his name is virtually unknown. One Russian recently told a Western correspondent: "If I mentioned Malenkov's name to my son he would think I was talking about a footballer."

Of the trio, it is Mr. Molotov who is best remembered outside Russia though inside the Soviet Union he is still a "yesterday's man."

An unsterile man with steel pince-nez spectacles, he represented Stalin's Russia during the tense cold war period after World War II and many years before that.

After dismissing him, Khrushchev sent him into virtual exile for three years as Soviet ambassador to Mongolia.

After a brief return to Moscow to occupy a minor role on the international scene Molotov retired into private life.

A few years ago he said he spent much of his time writing, but his memoirs have never been published.

Mr. Kaganovich, a Ukrainian Jew, is best remembered by older Russians as the man largely responsible for building the Moscow metro (underground railway) in the mid 1930s.

But he is also said to have played a central role in carrying out purges ordered by Stalin in his native Ukraine.

The Moscow metro which had been named after him was officially renamed when Khrushchev sacked him as first deputy prime minister.

He was banished to run a cement works in the Urals but like his one time associates he later slipped quietly back to Moscow.

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ECONOMY

Soviet demand for farm products prompts EEC to increase prices

BRUSSELS, Jan. 11 (R) — West European farmers can thank Moscow if they get a hefty increase in the prices paid for their crops this year.

The European Economic Community (EEC) commission is expected this week to propose price rises of up to nine per cent for the community's eight million farmers, EEC sources said.

After the usual months of haggling between governments of the 10 member states of the EEC, even that is likely to turn into a double-figure increase, the largest for several years, the sources said.

But what is good news for farmers is bad news for consumers. The sources said shop prices of staples like bread, milk, butter and meat would rise by about the same figure.

The community can afford to pay the farmers because of a sharp fall in the amount of cash it has to disburse to dispose of its huge farm surpluses, the sources said.

For that, the farmers owe a great deal to Moscow. The drop in last year's Soviet grain harvest — estimated at 175 million tonnes compared to a target of 240 million — has pushed up world prices for cereals and feedgrains of which the community is a major producer.

Heavy Soviet purchases of butter and dairy products from the West has given a strong boost to the world market in those products, allowing the community to get rid of its notorious butter mountains and milk lakes.

Because much of the EEC's

Airline staff end strike

ATHENS, Jan. 11 (A.P.) — Ground personnel of foreign airlines today ended a ten-day strike that had severely disrupted flights in and out of Greece.

An airline workers' union spokesman said that most of their demands for higher wages had been met including pay for the days when they were on strike.

The employees of foreign airlines had sought wage scales equal to those that Olympic, Greece's national airline, paid their ground personnel.

huge farm budget goes to bridge the gap between high internal prices and lower levels outside, the buoyancy of the world market resulting from heavy Soviet buying has saved the community hundreds of millions of dollars.

All-in-all, the EEC commission spent nearly \$1.5 billion less on agriculture than it expected to last year, EEC sources said.

Fears that the farm budget would run out of money have vanished as its percentage of total EEC spending dropped to around 60 per cent from levels close to 70 per cent in previous years, they said.

"No-one can say the com-

munity can't afford a hefty price increase this year and for that we are thanking Russian efficiency," said a member of the powerful farm lobby in Brussels.

The saving, ironically, has dismayed countries like Britain which fought for years to reduce the weight of agricultural subsidies in the EEC budget.

With spending falling of its own accord, countries like France and Italy have been able to argue that the fundamental overhaul of farm outlays sought by Britain was unnecessary, the sources said.

Leaders and ministers of the 10 have been locked in bitter wrangling for months on agricultural

reform, with little evidence of progress.

Foreign ministers from the 10 are due to meet on Thursday, just days before the commission brings out its price package, in a fresh attempt to agree on how to cut dairy spending. Few observers expect any real breakthrough.

Farmers, meanwhile, will not have it all their own way.

There is little chance they will get the full 16 per cent price rise they say is necessary to compensate for a drastic fall in incomes, and the EEC commission plans to impose new taxes on producers who add to the community's surpluses.

Chase predicts brighter outlook for world economy

By David Smyth

NEW YORK — With a new year starting, banks, economists and assorted futurologists are hurrying out with their economic predictions for 1982.

But many investors will be taking the predictions cautiously. In some cases, predictions by various organisations contradict each other. In others, the forecasters themselves urge caution.

As Morgan Guaranty Trust Co., one of America's largest banks, admitted drily at the end of 1981, "the ability of economists to divine the future has not been impressive in the past year."

Morgan, based in New York, says in its survey for 1982 that the U.S. dollar should drop two to three per cent against other currencies this year, the Japanese yen should rise fairly briskly to around 195-205 yen per dollar, the German mark should appreciate moderately, and the British pound should hold steady.

Another big New York bank, Chase Manhattan, predicts that 1982 will be a much better year for the world economy than 1981.

Real economic output in the industrialised world is likely to increase by about 2.5 per cent this year — well above the one per cent growth achieved last year, Chase Manhattan Bank estimates.

"World trade volume, flat last year, will grow by about two per cent," according to Chase, the third largest U.S. commercial

bank.

"Inflation rates will fall in virtually all" — industrialised countries, the bank adds.

Outlook for OPEC

Meanwhile, 1981 was not the best of years for the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and the outlook for OPEC is even less rosy in 1982, Chase remarks.

"Sluggish world demand for OPEC oil resulted in smaller price rises and an output reduction of 15 per cent in 1981. The OPEC surplus on current account narrowed to an estimated \$65 billion in 1981 from \$108 billion in 1980. Continued weak demand for OPEC oil, coupled with the freeze on oil prices, will shrink the OPEC surplus further to no more than \$40 billion in 1982."

In its biweekly publication International Finance, Chase Manhattan said the United States is entering the new year amidst a sharp recession. In Europe the first signs of an upturn are already apparent. By midsummer, recovery should be well under way in most of the industrialised countries, with growth in the U.S. outpacing Europe, and possibly

even Japan, in the second half of the year.

Africa and Middle East

In Africa and the Middle East, says Chase, "Saudi Arabia's oil revenues will fall noticeably this year but its outlays for development and national defence will accelerate."

"Despite lower petroleum earnings, government spending will also remain buoyant in the United Arab Emirates and Oman. In Kuwait and Qatar, however, public sector outlays will be restrained in 1982."

"Tunisia's prospects are brightened by two oil finds and more direct investment by Arab oil exporters."

"Despite the expected growth of phosphate exports, Morocco's economy will be hurt in 1982 by a prolonged drought that will boost food imports and expand the trade deficit."

"Egypt's current account gap will widen substantially this year because of slower export growth. "Iraq's development drive has continued unabated, financed by exports through the Mediterranean pipeline and heavy Arab aid."

"Iran's position is weaker, but recent oil export increases have helped."

Chase Manhattan says "The lack of agreement over gas export prices and soft oil demand have weakened Algeria's external position. Syria's balance of payments is similarly weak, but the Jor-

OPEC states reported unable to hold new benchmark price

LONDON, Jan. 11 (R) — A weak oil market is putting new pressure on the OPEC exporters and they might find it difficult to hold their new benchmark price of \$34 a barrel, the Petroleum Intelligence Weekly (PIW) said today.

The New York newsletter, also distributed in London, said most oil from OPEC — the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries — was being quoted below official prices in the spot market, which deals in oil not sold under long-term contract.

"Every indicator points to further weakness in coming months. This is emboldening refiners to give up unfavourable long-term contracts and putting new pressure on producing nations. It ultimately could crack OPEC's \$34 price front," the PIW said.

But the weekly added that exporters were more likely to make price cuts by altering their "differentials" — in effect, premiums or discounts around the \$34 rate for benchmark Saudi light crude, made for quality and marketability.

It said Saudi Arabian light was "the lone bastion", in that it was selling spot at its official price — "and this fact may prove crucial to preserving a semblance of pricing order around a \$34 per barrel base."

The PIW said OPEC's total output slumped in November to 20.5 million barrels daily, 430,000 barrels down on October. OPEC was producing nearly 31 million barrels a day in 1979 before high prices and recession sent oil demand reeling and created a glut.

The newsletter listed Kuwait, Iran and Algeria among countries finding it difficult to attract buyers.

In another report, the PIW said it looked increasingly probable that the United States would double its modest imports of Mexican natural gas to 600 million cubic feet (17 million cubic metres) a day by late this year or early 1983.

The weekly said potential buyers and U.S. officials appeared fairly confident a deal on the increased deliveries could be worked out. Mexico is anxious to boost export and reduce wasteful flaring of gas which it produces in association with oil.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, Jan. 11 (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

		U.S. dollars
One sterling	1.8998/08	
One U.S. dollar	1.1875/78	Canadian dollars
	2.2710/20	West German marks
	2.4890/10	Dutch guilders
	1.8415/30	Swiss francs
	38.60/65	Belgian francs
	5.7600/20	French francs
	1214.00/1215.00	Italian lire
	222.80/90	Japanese yen
	5.5770/85	Swedish crowns
	5.8335/50	Norwegian crowns
	7.4075/95	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	390.50/391.00	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, Jan. 11 (R) — Banks featured in an otherwise quietly mixed market following a report the monopolies commission had rejected both bids for the Royal Bank of Scotland, dealers said.

The Royal Bank ended 51p lower at 142 while suitors Hong Kong Shanghai and Standard Chartered were up 9p and 18p respectively. The major clearers were as much as 8p down, as in Narwest, while Bank of Scotland, itself the centre of bid speculation recently, was 43p lower at 479.

Elsewhere, the market was mixed in dull trading, with the F.T. index at 1500 down 1.7 at 529.7, the level held since midday. Insurances were weak, with composites down 5p or 6p because of the likely impact of increased claims caused by bad weather, dealers said.

P and O, the subject of bid speculation recently, ended another active session 1p higher at 134 after 128. Thorn was unchanged at 445 after 450 ahead of Thursday's interim results, with dealers noting increasing speculation that a rights issue will accompany the figures. GEC, Lucas and Blue Circle were 2p or 3p higher but B.P. Bechem and Plessey dipped a penny or two.

Government bonds were down around 1/4 point in slow trade while gold shares were off as much as three dollars, reflecting the fall in the bullion price.

— Associated Press

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

JORDAN TELEVISION

CHANNEL 3

5:30	Koran
5:50	Cartoons
6:10	Children's Programme
6:30	Children's Programme
6:50	Candid Camera
7:10	Local Programme
7:30	Local Programme
8:00	News in Arabic
8:30	Arabic Series
9:30	Local Programme on Amman
10:15	Arabic Series
11:10	News in Arabic

CHANNEL 6

6:00	French Programme
7:00	News in French
7:30	News in Hebrew
7:45	Medical Report
8:00	News in Arabic
8:30	Comedy: Stockyard Chasing: Threat
9:10	Documentary: A Matter of Life
10:00	News in English
10:15	Bestseller: The Last Outlaw

RADIO JORDAN

855 KHz AM & 99 Mhz FM

7:00	Sign on
7:01	Morning Show
7:30	News Bulletin
7:40	Morning Show
7:50	News Headlines
8:00	Pop Session
8:10	Sign off
8:20	News Headlines
8:30	Pop Session
8:40	News Summary
8:50	Pop Session
9:00	News Bulletin
9:10	Instrumentals
9:20	Country Music
9:30	Concert Hour
9:40	News Summary
9:50	Instrumentals
10:00	Old Favourites
10:10	Instrumentals
10:20	Investments and Discoveries
10:30	Pop Session
10:40	News Summary
10:50	Top Twenty
11:00	Top Twenty
11:10	News Desk
11:20	Instrumentals
11:30	Evening Show

21:00 News Summary

Evening Show

Close down

BBC WORLD SERVICE

639, 720, 1413 KHz

GMT

04:00 Newsdesk 04:30 The French Minute 04:45 Financial News 04:55 Reflections 05:00 World News 24 Hours News Summary 05:30 Divertimento 05:45 The World Today 06:00 Newsdesk 06:30 Sarah and Company 07:00 World News; 24 Hours News Summary 07:30 Ploughman of the Moon 07:45 Network U.K. 08:00 World News; Reflections 08:15 Europa 08:30 Pageant of the Past

09:00 World News; British Press Review 09:15 The World Today 09:30 Financial News 09:40 Look Ahead 09:45 Discovery 10:15 The End of the Affair 10:30 Musician at Large 11:00 World News; News about Britain 11:15 Letter from London 11:25 Scotland this Week 11:30 Sports International 12:00

Radio Newsworld 12:15 The Rewards of Music 12:45 Sports Round-up 13:00 World News; 24 Hours News Summary 13:30 Network U.K. 13:45 A Jolly Good Show 14:30 A Murder of Quality 15:00 Radio Newsworld 15:15 Outlook 16:00 World News; Commentary 16:15 Sarah and Company 16:45 The World Today 17:00 World News; Meridian 17:40 Sports Round-up 18:00 World News; News about Britain 18:15 Radio Newsworld 18:30 Nature Notebook 18:40 Farming World 19:00 Outlook: News Summary 19:30 Stock Market Report 19:45 Look Ahead 19:45 Barbershop Style 20:00 World News; 24 Hours News Summary 20:30 Divertimento 20:45 The Red and the Black 21:15 A Word in Edgeways 21:45 Short Story 22:00 World News; The World Today 22:25 Scotland this Week 22:30 Financial News 22:40 Reflections 22:45 Sports Round-up 23:00 World News; Commentary 23:15 Guitar Workshop 23:30 Meridian

VOICE OF AMERICA

GMT

03:30 The Breakfast Show: 06:30 News, Pop music, features, listeners' questions. 17:00 News Roundup: reports, opinion, analyses. 17:30 Dateline 18:00 Special English: news, feature "The Making of a Nation." 18:30 Now Music USA 19:00 News Roundup: reports, opinion, analyses. 19:30 VOA Magazine: Americana, science, culture, letters. 20:00 Special English: news 20:15 Music USA (Jazz) 21:00 VOA World Report 22:00 News, Correspondents' reports, background features, media comments, analyses.

AMMAN AIRPORT

NOTE: The following airport arrivals and departures are provided to the Jordan Times by the Air Information department at Amman Airport, Tel. 92205-6. They should always be verified by phone before the arrival or departure of the flight.

ARRIVALS

8:00	Cairo (EA)
8:55	Aqaba
9:00	Cairo
9:15	Dubai, Abu Dhabi
9:30	Jeddah
9:40	Dhahran
10:10	Beirut
11:05	Riyadh (SV)
15:30	Kuwait (KAC)
16:30	Cairo
16:45	Tripoli
17:30	Cairo (EA)
17:40	London, Paris
17:45	New York, Amsterdam
17:45	Tunis
18:00	Cairo
18:05	Rome (Alitalia)
18:50	Copenhagen, Athens, Beirut (SK)
19:00	Amsterdam, Athens (KLM)
19:30	Rome
20:30	Beirut (MEA)
20:30	Frankfurt (LH)
20:30	Frankfurt
20:45	Damascus
22:05	Cairo (EA)
01:00	Baghdad
02:00	Baghdad

DEPARTURES:

3:00	Cairo
4:00	Cairo
6:45	Beirut
7:00	Aqaba
7:45	Damascus, Paris (AF)
8:30	Tripoli
8:40	London (BA)
9:00	Beirut, Amsterdam (KLM)
9:25	Cairo (EA)
10:00	Beirut (MEA)
10:30	Frankfurt
11:30	Rome
12:00	Copenhagen
12:05	Riyadh (SV)
12:30	Cairo
16:30	Kuwait (KAC)
18:30	Damascus
18:45	Cairo (EA)
19:00	Kuwait
19:15	Dhahran
20:15	Baghdad
20:30	Dubai, Muscat
21:15	Bangkok
22:00	Baghdad
01:15	Cairo (EA)

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Zarga: Yahya Al Tarifi 81520/82684

Irbid: Ali Al Umari 72032/73974

PHARMACIES: Amman: Al Arabiyah Al Kubrah 23141 Jabal Al Jawfah 77444 'Assaf 53281 Al Yarmouk 36194 Al 'Aidin 72861

Zarga: Al Hadithah (—)

Irbid: Wardah 3353

TAXIS: Firas 23427 Al Union 23050 Basma 56736 Mithyar 44574 Al Sabah 76748

CULTURAL CENTRES

American Centre	41520
British Council	36147-8
French Cultural Centre	37009
Goethe Institute	41993
Soviet Cultural Centre	42203
Spanish Cultural Centre	24049
Turkish Cultural Centre	39777
Haya Arts Centre	65195
Al Hussein Youth City	67187
Y.W.C.A.	41793
Amman Municipal Library	36111
University of Jordan Library	84355/84366

CHURCHES

Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh 37440 St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman 24590 De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein 66428 Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali 23541 Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman 23585 Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafah 75261 Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafah 71331

PRAYER TIMES

Fajr	5:14
Sunrise	6:37
Dhuhr	11:44
'Asr	2:32
Maghreb	4:51
Isha	6:14

SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Grand Palace Hotel, 1.30 p.m. Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 1.30 p.m. Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1.30 p.m.

MUSEUMS

Military Museum: Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday to Friday. Closed on Saturdays. Tel. 64240. Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760. Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. closed Tuesdays. Tel. 37169. Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al

Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.). Closed on Tuesdays. Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Is-

amic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century oriental artists. Muntazah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Closed on Tuesdays. Tel. 30128

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Saudi riyal	98.8/99.1	W. German mark	148.9/149.8
Lebanese pound	72.4/73	Swiss franc	183.9/185
Syrian pound	58/58.2	French franc	58.7/59.1
Iraqi dinar	611.6/620	Italian lire	(for every 100) 27.9/28.1
Kuwaiti dinar	1195/1200	Japanese yen	(for every 100) 152/152.9
Egyptian pound	339/340.4	Dutch guilder	135.8/136.6
Qatari riyal	92.7/92.9	Belgian franc	37.3/37.8
UAE dirham	92/92.1	Swedish crown	60.7/61.1
Omani riyal	97/97.80		
U.S. dollar	338/340		
U.K. sterling	642.7/646.6		

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Ambulance (government).....	75111	Firstaid, fire, police.....	199
Civil Defence rescue.....	61111	Fire headquarters.....	22090
Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency).....	36381-2	Cablegram or telegram.....	18
Municipal water service (emergency).....	37111-3		
Police headquarters.....	39141	Telephone:	
Najdah roving patrol rescue police, (English spoken).....	21111, 37777	Information.....	12
24 hours a day for emergency.....	21111, 37777	Jordan and Middle East trunk calls.....	10
Airport information (ALIA).....	92205/92206	Overseas radio and satellite calls.....	17
Jordan Television.....	73111	Telephone maintenance and repair service.....	11
Radio Jordan.....	74111		

SPORTS

TENNIS TALK

Running forehands and backhands

By Maureen Stalla

You should master standing forehands and backhands before you try running shots, it is not easy to judge exactly where to run and where to stop. Time and patience are required.

Turn to run by taking the foot closest to the direction you want to go and simultaneously taking the racket back. Run to the right location making sure to stop on the back (right for right handed forehand) foot. After the bounce, step towards the net as usual. Hold your finish; check & correct your feet, balance, and racket position. Recover by side skipping to the centre of the court.

Not only must you practise running for wide balls, but also for high deep balls and low short ones.

To hit a deep ball, step back as you turn. The tricky part is to turn far enough back to allow the ball time and space to descend to waist level after it bounces. This will often put you right next to the back fence. Remember how far back you are and hit further by hitting up.

Hit a short, low ball the same way. Prepare, turn, stop on the back foot, step in with the front foot (left foot for right handed forehand). Since the short ball is often low, lower the racket head below the wrist in preparation. This will aid in lifting the low ball over the net.

The best way to groove these shots and the footwork, is to have someone toss the ball to you. Only constant repetition will make the shots automatic. Ball machines are also useful for this purpose.

In the first stages, confine your running to short distances; don't use the whole court. If you are learning with a friend, stand in opposite service boxes and hit back and forth no more than 4 times. This will keep proper technique at a premium. When you can rally in the service squares successfully four times, increase the number never sacrificing form for hits. If the stroke is correct, you will have a shot you can depend on, make yourself run, adjust the feet, step and transfer your weight, hit the ball in front and hold the finish.

Kiwi part-timers faced toughest route to World Cup finals

LONDON, Jan. 11 (A.P.) — Steve Woodin, who once was rejected by English fourth division soccer club Trammere Rovers, will be lining up alongside stars like Kevin Keegan and Diego Maradona in the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

Woodin is a member of the New Zealand team that clinched the 24th and final spot for the tournament yesterday by defeating China 2-1 in a thrilling playoff in Singapore.

Qualifying for the World Cup finals for the first time was a remarkable achievement by little New Zealand, a team comprised of local youngsters and migrants who failed to make the grade in Britain.

Managed by John Adhead, a former English professional with unfashionable Hartlepool and Exeter, the Kiwi part-timers had the toughest path to the finals of all the 24 teams that will be competing for the biggest prize in soccer.

The New Zealanders, who have succeeded in capturing the imagination of a rugby-mad public in their country, played more games and travelled more miles than any other side involved in the qualifying competition.

The Kiwis contested 15 matches in eight countries as diverse as Australia and Saudi Arabia before finally clinching their spot among the soccer giants.

Among their triumphs was a 13-0 victory over Fiji — a World Cup record — but the men who

will play in Spain certainly could not have expected such success when they started their campaign.

Players like Bobby Almond, a defender who was outstanding against China but had failed in the past to get a game with Tottenham Hotspur in England, and 25-year-old forward Steve Sumner, who netted six times against Fiji but started his soccer career with Preston North End reserves, now are national heroes in New Zealand.

Prime Minister Robert Muldoon, not noted as a soccer fan, sent a telegram to Singapore after yesterday's match. It read: "Heartiest congratulations on your magnificent win. New Zealand is very proud of the team's great achievement."

Soccer, used to being the poor relations to rugby and the famous New Zealand All Blacks, now expects a financial windfall.

New Zealand Football Association secretary Gwyn Evans today said they expected to earn more than a million New Zealand dollars from competing in the finals alongside teams like Brazil, Argentina and England.

New Zealand's success also has boosted the careers of at least two New Zealand-born players.

Teenage striker Wynton Rufer, who scored the decisive goal against China, already has been snapped up by English League team Norwich City, while sweeper Rikki Herbert has been offered a trial by Southampton.

New Zealand is certain to be

seeded among the last six teams for Saturday's World Cup draw in Madrid, but the seeding of England among the top six has caused a major rumpus.

England has not played in the World Cup finals since 1970 and only just managed to qualify this time after a series of fortunate results.

Belgium now is leading a campaign against England's seeding. England is highly ranked because it won the World Cup in 1966.

England's seeding is understood to be supported by both FIFA, the world governing body.

The London Sunday Mirror quoted an unnamed Belgian Football Association official as saying: "England have no up-to-date form and they didn't qualify for the last two World Cups."

Harry Cavan, President of the Northern Ireland Football Association and a senior FIFA vice-president, said today that England should not take for granted its place alongside the other five seeded nations — Argentina, Brazil, Spain, West Germany and Italy.

Cavan said: "There have been objections and they will be considered when the organising committee meets at the end of this week to discuss Saturday's draw." England hopes to be seeded so it can play its opening three matches in the same stadium in Bilbao, but Cavan said: "The only thing certain at the moment is that Spain will be based in Valencia and defending champion Argentina will be in Alicante."

Photo finish upsets former Olympic champ

ADELAIDE, Jan. 11 (R) — The adage that the camera does not lie failed to impress former Olympic 1,500 metres champion John Walker of New Zealand at the Adelaide track and field athletics meeting today.

Walker was involved in a blanket finish in the 800 metres with Australian Paul Gilbert and Omar Khalifa of Sudan.

After studying the photo-finish, judges awarded Gilbert first place in one minute 49.14 seconds, with Walker and Khalifa dead-heating for second in 1:49.15.

Walker immediately protested and said: "The print clearly shows that I won."

But the New Zealander's protest was over-ruled after judges studied a larger and clearer video screen photo of the three men crossing the line.

American sprinter Mel Latany left nothing to chance in the 100 metres, streaking away from his rivals to win in 10.18 seconds ahead of compatriot Mark Kent, who clocked 10.33, and Australian Peter Gandy in 10.34.

Australian long jumper Gary Honey continued his dominance over American Willie Banks with a leap of eight metres, a winning margin of 37 centimetres.

Honey also finished ahead of Banks in the World Cup in Rome, winning the silver medal and relegating the American to the bronze position.

West German women's 1,500 metres record holder, Brigitte Kraus, won the mile, finishing 10 metres ahead of American Maggie Keys. Kraus won in 4:38.5.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN
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What do you bid now?

Q.1—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠KQ76 ♥KQ82 ♦3 ♠A43
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♦ Dble Pass 2 +
Pass Pass 2 + Pass
Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠KQJ1083 ♥Q85 ♦K4
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South
Pass Pass ?
What do you open?

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠9 ♥QJ63 ♦KJ52 ♠A965

The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 + Pass 1 NT Pass
2 + Dble Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠10762 ♥AQ6 ♦AKQ982
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♦ Pass 1 NT Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Look for answers on Thursday

Pakistan, West Germany meet in World Hockey Cup final

BOMBAY, Jan. 11 (R) — West Germany will go in to tomorrow's men's World Hockey Cup final against holders Pakistan as clear underdogs.

But Pakistan manager Brigadier M.H. Atif warned his side against complacency when he said today: "The West Germans are fighters and it was to their great credit that they beat Australia in the semifinal."

The West Germans, outplayed for much of the match, held the powerful Australians 2-2 at the end of normal time and 3-3 after extra time. They then went on to qualify for the final for the first time by winning the penalty shoot-out 11-8.

The Europeans also fought well against Pakistan in a qualifying group match, although they went down 5-3.

Pakistan are seeking the World Cup trophy for the third time but Atif has not been satisfied with their recent play.

He said he expected an improvement on their semifinal form when they beat the Netherlands 4-2.

"Because of missed chances, the Dutch were able to make a match of it," he said.

The main threat to West Germany will come from center-forward Hasan Sardar, Pakistan's top scorer with nine goals to date.

But there are other threats. Right-winger Kalimullah has scored seven goals and fullback Manzoor Ul Hasan has been on target six times.

The West Germans do not have the same goal-power although forward Heiner Dopp and Stefan Blocher have grabbed six between them.

The fast West German attack is capable of piercing the best defenses and the Pakistanis may be content to sit back and hit their opponents on the break.

The Europeans must fight from the kick-off, hoping to gain as many penalty corners as possible. For captain Michael Peter, the sweeper, is a deadly exponent of the set-piece.

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FEATURES

Discreet Pink Panthers join trade unions

By Brian Groom

East and West bloc intelligence agencies are trying to subvert each others trade union movements. Two recent books describe the efforts being made to reap political harvests from this new espionage field.

At the height of the Anthony Blunt spy scandal in Britain at the end of 1979, Mr. George Young, a former deputy director of MI6, declared that Soviet intelligence activities had shifted in emphasis since the 1930s from recruitment at the old universities to subversion in industry.

From the other side of the ideological divide, the Soviet news agency TASS has claimed that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency is providing funds, ostensibly raised by the AFL-CIO union federation, to buy printing and duplicating equipment which is smuggled into Poland for use by the independent union Solidarity.

A succession of similar allegations of secret banky-panky with trade unionists on either side of the Iron Curtain has surprised no-one in an uncertain world of decaying détente.

Mr. Chapman Pincher, the self-appointed spy-watcher par excellence, claims that some left-wing union leaders and officials follow instructions from Moscow to try to reduce British living standards so that those prevailing in the Soviet Union will not seem so harsh.

But because assertions are generally offered more freely than evidence, because so much can be put down to propaganda, and because independent witnesses are rare in the strife-torn world of international trade unionism, few have even begun to ask the im-

portant question: how far are the allegations true?

Attention in the West has tended to focus on big power involvement with Third World union politics. The charity War on Want stirred up controversy in Britain in 1978 by publishing *Where Were You, Brother?*, a book by Don Thomson and Rodney Larson which alleged that links between the Trades Union Congress's international department and the Foreign Office were unhealthy close, and that Western trade unionists' money was being used against the interests of genuine Third World workers' movements, instead favouring the political and commercial aims of Western governments and business.

It drew together the many allegations of CIA "convert activities," citing evidence from Senate reports and from, among others, former CIA agents Philip Agee and Joseph Smith. The book also detailed some of the activities of the Prague-based World Federation of Trade Unions, the Communist world's union international. But Mr. Thomson, although he says the WFTU is "completely run" by the KGB, the Soviet intelligence service, has described the WFTU as "more of a shambles than any real and significant force."

However, there are those who feel that direct East-West intelligence in the trade union field has become a boom industry as

Western involvement in Eastern European economies has grown and the Eastern bloc has tried to penetrate Western markets.

Dr. G.K. Busch, former international research head of the U.S.'s United Auto Workers (UAW) and former assistant to the general secretary of the Geneva-based International Chemical, Energy and General Workers' Federation (ICF), claimed in a report published last year by the London-based Economist Intelligence Unit that Russian, Czechoslovak, and Polish intelligence organisations had made a "substantial effort" to expand contacts among Western unionists. This had become the main espionage field after military intelligence, he says.

Mutual trade union penetration, Dr. Busch claims, is aimed not only at providing information on products, markets and industrial relations problems which could be exploited, but also at establishing "sleepers" who in a war could try to disrupt production, energy supplies, and transport and communications links.

Dr. Busch cites as evidence of subversion by the Eastern bloc: the conviction in 1976 of Hans Faltermeter of the West German Public Service Union for supplying union secrets to East Germany, and the subsequent implication of "other officials" of the DGB (union federation); the revelation in 1978 that Vladimir Bukrayev, who headed the publications department of the U.N.'s International Labour Office in Geneva, was a KGB agent; the subsequent exposure of Bukrayev's ILO colleague Grigori Miagkov; the accusations in 1979 by the defector Arkady Shevchenko against Soviet personnel at the U.N.; and a claim that Josef Frolik, the Czechoslovak defector, spent years in the U.K. spying mainly on trade union affairs.

Mr. Boris Aveyanov, head of the International Affairs Department of the Soviet All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions and a regular visitor to Britain's TUC conferences, is described as a "colonel in the KGB."

Dr. Busch describes this catalogue as "sketchy," but he offers

no evidence at all of Western activities. Assuming their existence, he describes reasons for them: apart from the political advantage of promoting dissidence, Western governments "see economic advantage in side-stepping Eastern European dumping of products."

True or not, Western governments have probably felt a temptation to nurture the industrial unrest, which the Eastern bloc's Soviet masters fear so much, and which has played a part in successive cracks in the Communist monolith from the East German workers' revolt in 1953 onwards.

These have reached a peak with the powerful alliance between intellectual dissidents and workers in the Polish crisis. Consistently Moscow has sought to compromise Solidarity's independence and split the workers from the dissidents, by lining it up with familiar Cold War enemies.

What TASS did not say was that even if the allegations are true, the activities would be very little different from those of Eastern Europe in support of the Portuguese

Communist union federation CGTP-Intersindical, which has received money, printing supplies, propaganda specialists and organisers from comradely Eastern bloc unions practically indistinguishable from their governments.

The International Labour Organisation, a somewhat fragile forum for cooperation, suffered a major blow in 1977 when the U.S. pulled out in protest at the ILO's "politicisation" and ineffective record on human rights. The Americans rejoined last year, but received an immediate slap in the face in the form of a resolution condemning Israeli settlements on the West Bank.

Now the ILO, in a further blow to its credibility, has had to give up investigating charges that the Soviet Union contravened its Convention 87 by suppressing free trade unions. Soviet refusal to co-operate made the inquiry pointless.

— Financial Times news features

Scientists battle male impotence but cure far-off

By Peter Goodwin and Gill Nevill

Today few subjects are forbidden, but impotence is undoubtedly one of them. The men concerned are understandably loath to discuss such an intensely personal problem even with their doctors — particularly as little medical help is available even when they are sufficiently courageous to seek help. But now from the Hammersmith Hospital in London comes news of an important discovery which offers hope of an eventual cure for this widespread problem.

It must be the least discussed problem of the 1980's. Millions of men all over the world suffer from impotence, yet because of the taboo society places on the subject, they suffer in silence. Worse still, the existence of such a taboo means that even the scientists have shied away from the subject, with the result that we know less about it than about almost any other equally widespread complaint. Our state of ignorance, like our state of mind, is medieval.

To break with tradition and not only to mention, but to investigate, the unmentionable takes courage. But that's exactly what scientists led by Dr. Julia Polak at London's Hammersmith Hospital have done. By a curious twist, her work depended on men sufficiently dissatisfied with their sex actually to change it. During the vital operation, the women-to-be dispense with the more male parts of their anatomy, and these formed the raw material for Dr. Julia Polak's meticulous laboratory investigation.

In analysing the tissues to see what chemicals they contained, scientists came up with a strange result. They found a hormone normally associated with the gut called Vasoactive Intestinal Polypeptide — VIP, for short. What's more, they found it in enormous quantities. Now, it is known from studies on the intestine (where this hormone was discovered almost 10 years ago) that VIP has an astonishing ability to dilate blood vessels and change muscle tone. And the obvious conclusion is that it is doing a similar thing in the very different part of the body in which it has now been found.

Once the presence of VIP had been established, the next task was to discover where it was coming from. That search led to a second, important discovery. Most nerves in the body — from those round the heart to those in the muscles of the legs — work by means of two well-known transmitters: adrenaline and acetylcholine. But when Dr. Polak looked at the tissue under her microscope, she found nerves producing quite another chemical: VIP.

In other words, it seems that though a highly specialised chemical system is present, which most men operate very efficiently. And it's the relative specificity of the chemicals concerned which holds out hope for those men in whom it does not. The suggestion is that, just as a failure of the insulin producing mechanism underlies diabetes, so a deficiency of VIP may be at the root of at least some cases of impotence.

The scientists hope that now they know something of the mechanism involved it may be possible to develop drugs which mimic the action of VIP. These could then be administered as a supplement if for any reason the natural hormone was in short supply. Such a treatment, of course, is still a long way off. As with all new drugs, it may be years before a safe preparation is widely available. But at least a start has been made. Thanks to the pioneering work of Julia Polak and her colleagues in England, there is now a ray of hope of the millions of men who have suffered in silence.

— London Radio Service

Poison gas fans enliven Pentagon debates

By Christopher Hanson
Reuters

WASHINGTON — A Pentagon board wants to deploy a large new arsenal of nerve gas, a poison that kills in minutes, in Britain as part of a multi-billion dollar build-up for possible chemical war in Europe, an army official says.

Assistant Deputy Army Secretary Amoretta Hoerber also told Reuters she wanted the military to conduct test firings of new nerve gas artillery shells at a proving ground in Utah, where 6,000 sheep died in a nerve gas accident 13 years ago.

But she said the Pentagon had not yet made plans for test firings of actual gas, as opposed to simulated chemicals.

She said the Pentagon's defence science board had recommended nerve gas bombs be deployed on

U.S. air bases in Britain partly because of concern that West Germany would not accept deployment of new chemical weapons on its soil.

She expects the board's recommendations to be taken seriously by the administration.

The gas is colourless and odourless and attacks the nervous system. Leading to uncontrollable vomiting and convulsions with suffocation occurring in minutes, although in some cases it could take hours.

Pentagon officials say the gas is safe in storage because two toxic chemicals, known as binaries, only become nerve gas when mixed after firing.

Despite such assurances, the nerve gas plan is likely to meet resistance in Western Europe, where protests against new nuclear weapons deployment have

increased steadily this year.

Retired U.S. Army chemical weapons development director, Saul Horvats, said chief victims of chemical warfare would be unprotected civilians who might die by the millions, along with domestic animals and wildlife.

Miss Hoerber said the most compelling reason for basing the bombs in Britain for possible use in air attack was the need to strike with the gas at the rear of a Soviet army if necessary.

She said artillery firing nerve gas shells would have a range of about 30 kilometres while aircraft from Western Europe could strike much further.

Pentagon officials say the purpose of spending some two to four billion dollars on the new weapons programme is to deter the Soviet Union from unleashing its stockpile of nerve gas.

They say the current U.S. stockpile, some of which is based in West Germany, is deteriorating and poses storage hazards, and must be replaced with greater quantities of new nerve gas.

Miss Hoerber said President Reagan is expected to decide this year whether to resume nerve gas

production, which was stopped by President Nixon after the sheep accident at Utah's Dugway proving ground.

But following approval by Mr. Reagan and congress earlier this year of an initial \$20 million for a nerve gas factory, a debate has developed over whether binary weapons are really safe before firing, whether nerve gas deployment would deter Moscow and whether the weapons would work without extensive and dangerous testing.

Some civilian chemical warfare experts are not convinced the new binary weapons are as safe before use as the Pentagon says.

The Centre for Defence Information (CDI), a liberal research group, notes that even when stored separately, some binary chemicals are as toxic as strychnine. Relative safety in storage also could lead to less stringent security and danger of theft.

However, Pentagon officials say there are signs that the Soviet factories are working today.

They say there is also evidence that Communist forces have used nerve gas in Southeast Asia and Afghanistan.

JUMBLE.

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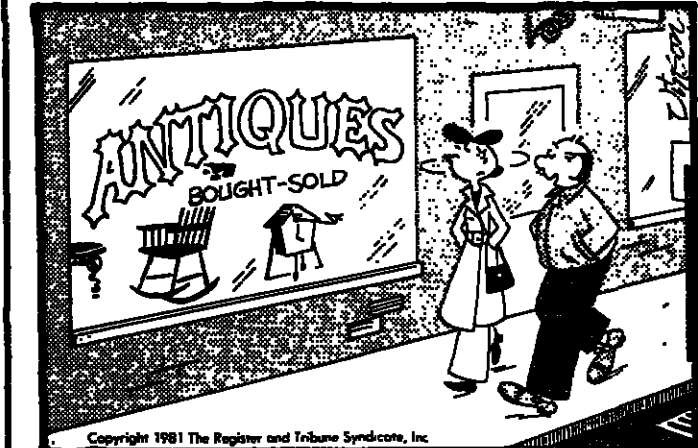
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Yesterday's Jumbles: POWER SINGE MELODY CHALET

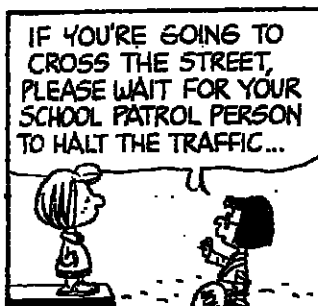
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FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, JAN. 12, 1982

YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The day starts with much discontent in the minds of persons around you. Later improved conditions make it easier to raise the level of your moods and activities. Be calm.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) The situation at home could prove to be tense until later in the day and then all smooths out to your satisfaction. Strive for happiness.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Take no risks in motion today. Be sure to take care of important communications at this time. Relax at home tonight.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You are now able to gain the help you need from business persons who have the know-how. Engage in favorite hobby tonight.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You make little progress early in the day but by afternoon you can go about your business matters wisely.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Get busy at the work ahead of you and then make plans for a brighter future. Be sure to avoid an argument with loved one.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Take the time to assist a friend who is in trouble. Make plans to have more abundance in the future. Think constructively.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Be certain to take care of career affairs in such a way that you meet with the approval of higher-ups. Use good judgment now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Show that you appreciate the help given you by associates. You can easily obtain the information you need at this time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Handle responsible duties early in the day so you'll have time for recreation later. Don't neglect a credit matter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Find out what associates expect of you and come to a fine agreement with them. Ideal day for expansion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Take time to make plans that could result in more income in the future. Engage in favorite hobby later in the day.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Exercise care in whatever you do in the morning for danger lurks. Spend within your means. Control your temper tonight.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will need more than average affection in order to properly stabilize this sensitive nature and delicate body. Direct the education along such lines as merchandising and business management and success is assured.

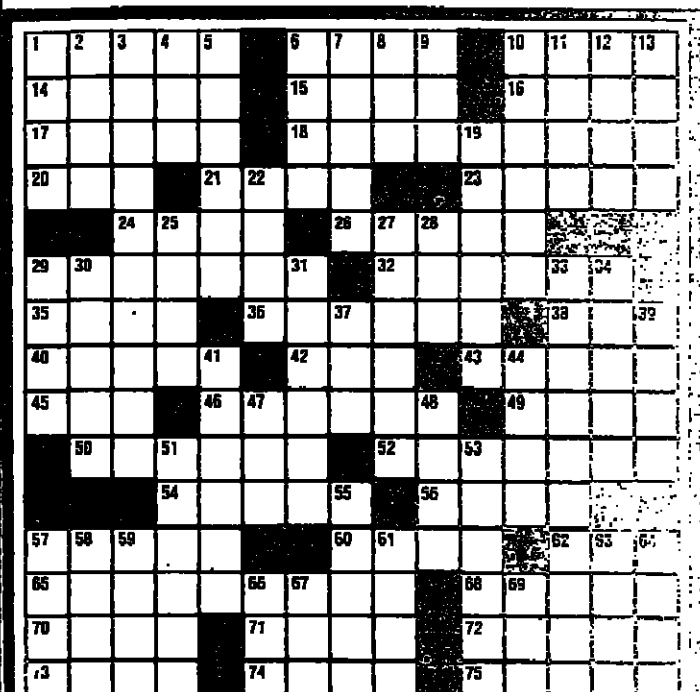
"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

THE Daily Crossword By Judson G. Trent

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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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EVIE	RIES	LOTTED
HAGGIS	LOOKS	
CAJOLIE	MURAT	
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WORLD

Adamant Walesa forces Warsaw to revise plans

WARSAW, Jan. 11 (R) — Poland's military authorities have started to consider discounting the leader of the suspended Solidarity free trade union, Lech Walesa, in their plans for the future, well-informed sources said today.

Mr. Walesa has been under house arrest since the military takeover and martial law was imposed on Dec. 13.

The sources said the ruling military council of national salvation had planned originally to persuade Mr. Walesa to resume the leadership of Solidarity after it had been trimmed of radicals, dissidents and others regarded as dangerously anti-Communist.

They added, however, that Mr. Walesa's refusal to cooperate had forced a change of plan. The authorities now felt that in the long term he could be replaced as leader of any new union receiving official recognition which rose in the name of Solidarity.

But the sources said no decisions had yet been made on the future of Solidarity. Opinions among the country's leaders were divided between those who wanted to erase the name and those who wanted to revive the organisation as a tamed version of the original.

Workers' role defined

Meanwhile, the minister for economic reform was quoted today as saying that workers' control of factories must be introduced or restored as soon as possible.

But Prof. Wladyslaw Baka told the Communist Party newspaper Trybuna Ludu that Poland had to live through a "discipline-restoration period of martial law" before worker self-management could happen.

"The point is to make this period last as briefly as possible and to eliminate as quickly as possible the causes that brought it about," the official news agency PAP quoted him as saying.

Prof. Baka said that as soon as conditions permitted "worker self-management must be introduced or restored. Only then does the term 'reform' correspond to the ideas it represents."

The issue of worker self-management was one of the most controversial raised in negotiations last year between the government and Solidarity.

Solidarity insisted on full worker ownership of factories, with the right to hire and fire managers.

The government rejected worker ownership but offered consultation in selecting and dismissing managers while reserving rights in their nomination.

Prof. Baka made it clear that the principle of worker self-management was now suspended and that managers had sole responsibility under martial law.

This was aimed at introducing order and discipline and increasing the efficiency of decisions, Warsaw Radio reported.

Prof. Baka acknowledged that U.S. economic sanctions against Warsaw for introducing martial law had aggravated Poland's financial situation and had forced the government to revise hard currency allocations.

The army newspaper Zolnierz Wolnosci noted today that a key ingredient to economic change was price reform, with the object of making production profitable.

PAP quoted the paper as saying the aim of price reform was what had come to be known in Poland as a "triple-self" mode of operation — self-sufficiency, self-management and self-financing.

Poles behind Paris attacks?

PARIS, Jan. 11 (A.P.) — A group protesting the "arrests and assassinations of Polish workers" has claimed responsibility for three explosions in Paris last night that caused major damage to three businesses but no injuries.

Police said the explosions occurred within minutes of each other at a French-Polish firm dealing in tools and sporting goods, a Soviet watch company and a firm dealing in industrial chemical filters.

No damage figures were immediately available.

An anonymous telephone caller contacted the French news agency Agence France Press about three hours after the explosions and said the attacks were the work of the "Bakumin Gdansk Group in Paris."

The caller also said the group was responsible for a Dec. 20 bombing in Paris that damaged a Polish transport company.

According to police, Bakumin Gdansk said it had chosen to attack the three firms because they had trade links with Eastern bloc countries.

Pakistan relaxes censorship but not on political news

Zia inaugurates advisory council as opponents brew own formula

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 11 (R) — Pakistan's military ruler, Gen. Mohammad Zia Ul Haq, today opened the inaugural session of a nominated civilian council charged with recommending ways of ending martial law quickly and restoring democracy.

The National Assembly building, unused since Gen. Zia seized power more than four years ago, was reopened for what he described as an historic occasion which would have a deep impact on national life.

President Zia has said the Federal Advisory Council will be an intermediate stage between the military and a civilian government.

He told the 288 councillors he wanted them to recommend the type of democracy to be applied in Pakistan.

"You will tell us what will be its practical form and what measures should be adopted to implement it as quickly as possible," he said.

President Zia told the council that daily newspapers would no longer have to submit articles for

censorship. But he later told reporters that as political activity was still banned in Pakistan nothing could be written on this subject.

Other subjects that could not be reported were stories that were prejudicial to the state religion, Islam, and those that endangered national security, encouraged communal or regional prejudice and harmed the dignity of the armed forces or judiciary.

Newspaper editors would be expected to exercise "self-censorship" now that their stories could be published without prior clearance by a censor.

Earlier, leaders of eight main political parties linked in an alliance called the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy reached preliminary agreement at a clandestine meeting on a formula to end martial law.

Informed sources said most of the eight parties, including the Pakistan People's Party of executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, decided to campaign for a

"grand national assembly" of 500 politicians who were either elected or came second in voting during the country's last general elections in 1970 and 1977.

The assembly would elect a president and prime minister to run the country until general elections were held.

The sources said the proposal would be sent to President Zia as a way of ending the deadlock between political parties who want unconditional general elections and the country's generals who are determined to instal a new political system.

The federal advisory council includes many members of former members of political parties but no present leaders of political parties.

President Zia announced that a 66-year-old right-wing politician, Khwaja Mohammad Saffar, a member of one faction of Pakistan's oldest political party, the Muslim League, would be chairman of the council.

Britons still in grips with winter freeze

LONDON, Jan. 11 (A.P.) — Britons fought their way slowly back to work today as a freak winter freeze continued to grip the nation, delaying thousands of road and rail commuters.

Workers in West Germany faced similar problems, as more than 15 centimetres of snow fell in Cologne and the capital, Bonn, snarling the heavy morning rush hour. In Poland, severe floods around the city of Plock, 80 kilometres northwest of Warsaw, forced the evacuation of 4,000 people and caused massive damage to property, Warsaw Radio reported.

In Britain, a post-mortem was being carried out on a 10-month-old boy who died overnight in Brintree, Essex, apparently from lack of heat in the public housing complex where he lived. His death would bring the number of cold-snap victims to 14 since Friday.

Britain's rush to work was chaotic — and nowhere more so than Wales, which was virtually cut off from the rest of Britain by weekend snows that drifted as high as 4 metres.

Hundreds of abandoned cars littered snow-covered Welsh highways. Motorists spent their third night in emergency centres in the market town of Bridgend. The Australian Rugby Union team, which has just completed a British tour, had to charter three helicopters to take the 35-man squad from Porthcawl, Wales, to London's Heathrow airport for the flight home.

Both Heathrow and Gatwick airports were operating normally, although passengers were told to expect long delays.

Though the snowstorms that lashed the British Isles Friday and Saturday subsided, giving way in most places to sunny weather, the temperature was still bitterly cold. Hundreds of subway commuters in London were delayed for up to an hour by trains stuck in tunnels in the city's complex network.

British Rail said only half the scheduled timetable was operating between London and the cities of Liverpool and Manchester.

The coldest place in Britain overnight was Carnwath, Scotland, where the thermometer fell to -24.8 degrees C.

Last-minute jump saves Malaysian foreign minister from sudden death

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan. 11 (R) — Malaysia's foreign minister was rescued from dense jungle today after surviving a plane crash by jumping out seconds before the crash.

Tan Sri Ghazali Shafie had been feared dead yesterday but today, he waved from his hospital bed and described how he became the only one of the three people in the aircraft to survive.

The minister also told reporters he was stranded helpless for 30 hours in a ravine without food before he was discovered by rescue parties.

Police search teams set out soon after the Cessna light aircraft carrying Tan Sri Ghazali to his parliamentary constituency disappeared on the 150-kilometre flight.

The 59-year-old minister, an experienced pilot, was co-piloting the aircraft when it crashed only 40 kilometres from Kuala Lumpur.

It came down in a valley after negotiating in poor visibility a narrow pass through a mountain range.

His flying instructor and a security aide were killed and their bodies recovered.

Tan Sri Ghazali escaped with bruises.

"Suddenly trees came up in front of us," he said after being flown by helicopter to hospital.

"I unstrapped my seatbelt, opened the door and jumped out... I thought the others did the same."

The minister, who became known internationally recently for his campaign against the influx of Vietnamese boat people, said he headed towards a village but fell into a ravine.

He was eventually found there, only 65 metres from the wreckage of the aircraft.

"I had not eaten since breakfast, so I drank the ravine water and later tried to get some sleep since I could not get out of the ravine," he said.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Musa Hitam described the survival as "just fantastic."

The move was seen as the first foreign policy act by F. L. Terry Rawlings since his New Year's Eve coup that toppled President Hilla Limann.

Polish crisis provides backdrop as Geneva talks resume today

GENEVA, Jan. 11 (R) — U.S. and Soviet delegates meet here Tuesday under the shadow of the Polish crisis to resume talks on curbing medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

The two sides adjourned for a Christmas and New Year break on Dec. 17 after three weeks of preliminary talks and agreed to meet again tomorrow at the U.S. mission in Geneva for their seventh session.

The 10-man delegations, headed by Paul Nitze for the United States and Yuri Kvititsinsky for the Soviet Union, alternate their sessions between the U.S. and Soviet missions at opposite ends of Geneva's Avenue de la Paix (Avenue of Peace).

By mutual agreement, each side

keeps silent on the details of the discussions — the first arms bargaining negotiations between the superpowers for two and a half years.

Mr. Nitze, 74, told reporters at the start of the talks on Nov. 30 that "hard issues" separated the two sides and it would not help if he were to engage in public debate on the problems.

President Reagan has proposed dropping plans to deploy 572 new Pershing and Cruise missiles in several NATO countries if Moscow dismantles all the SS-20, SS-4 and SS-5 launchers it has already installed in Eastern Europe.

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, now in Brussels for consultations on Poland with America's European allies in the

Ghana restores diplomatic relations with Libya

ACCRA, Jan. 11 (Agencies) — Ghana restored full diplomatic relations with Libya today, the 12-day old Provisional National Defence Council (PNDC) said in a statement.

The decision, effective immediately, was taken following a visit from a large group of Libyan officials who have been having talks with the new Ghanaian leaders. They arrived on Saturday on a special Libyan African United Airlines flight.

Mr. L. Rawlings was quoted by the Ghanaian press today as asking the Libyan delegation to con-

vey to Col. Muammar Qadhafi his appreciation of Libyan friendship for, and solidarity with, the Ghanaian people.

Relations with Libya were broken off in November 1980 by Dr. Limann after alleged subversive activities by Libyan diplomats in Ghana. The ousted president denounced what he called Libya's international terrorism during the last Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit in Nairobi last summer.

Since the coup, Mr. L. Rawlings has announced that Ghana's armed forces are being turned into a people's army, navy and air force. He has also said people's tribunals are being set up to try people accused of crimes against the people.

He visited Libya several times after returning power to civilian rule in October, 1979, following his first coup on June 4, 1979, at the head of the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council (AFRC) which held power for four months.

He was quoted by the Ghanaian press as saying during talks with the Libyan officials that the Ghanaian revolution was "inspired entirely by the Ghanaian people."

According to diplomatic and local sources, about 150 former government officials and politicians have either been arrested or have turned themselves over to police.

Most of those detained are believed to be in Ussher Fort prison in Accra or Nsawam prison near the capital.

The PNDC announced last week that popular or special tribunals would try former officials accused of corruption. There is no indication when such tribunals, which apparently would operate outside the regular court system, will begin.

Although accurate information is difficult to obtain, it appears that although Ghanaian officials have agreed to open their western and eastern borders with the Ivory Coast and Togo, the authorities in those countries have kept their side of the border closed.

Ghanaians wishing to leave the country are required to apply for exit permits. It is still unclear whether foreigners are under the same obligation.

There has been no official indication on the number of casualties involved in the coup. There was a report of some resistance.

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U.S. team pays surprise visit to Peking

PEKING, Jan. 11 (R) — A top-level U.S. delegation headed by Assistant Secretary of State John Holdridge has made a surprise visit to Peking for talks with Chinese officials, U.S. diplomats said today. The diplomats refused to say which officials Mr. Holdridge would be meeting or how long he was expected to stay in Peking. A State Department spokesman in Washington said Mr. Holdridge would "discuss in detail international and bilateral matter of mutual concern." Talks are expected to centre on the Reagan administration's proposed arms sales to Taiwan, which are opposed by the Chinese as interference in their internal affairs. The spokesman indicated that the role of the Soviet Union in the military clampdown in Poland would also be discussed.

Armenians start hunger strike in France

PARIS, Jan. 11 (R) — Four Armenian guerrillas awaiting trial in the storming of the Turkish consulate last year began a hunger strike for political prisoner status today, the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA) said. In a telephone call to a reporter an ASALA spokeswoman said France had broken its promise to grant the guerrillas political asylum and ASALA planned to support their campaign. "The French authorities... will therefore take responsibility for the blows we will inflict," she said. The four men killed a Turkish guard and held several dozen hostages in the consulate for 16 hours last September. ASALA said they surrendered on the understanding they would get political asylum, but France said they were told only they would not be extradited.

Haitian forces retake Tortuga from rebels

MILAMI, Jan. 11 (R) — Haitian security forces today apparently regained control of the tiny island of Tortuga from a small band of invading rebels, the Miami Herald newspaper reported. Its correspondent in Haiti quoted sources close to the government as saying that the rebels fled into the hills after an exchange of gunfire with security forces. A Haitian government spokesman said yesterday that at least three Haitians and one white man had landed on Tortuga, seven miles off the Caribbean republic's north-west coast, and had taken over the local garrison. Bernard Sansaricq, a longtime foe of Haitian President-for-life Jean-Claude Duvalier and of his father and predecessor as President "Papa Doc" Duvalier, told another Miami Herald reporter today that his forces controlled Tortuga island. Mr. Sansaricq is reported to be coordinating an attempt to overthrow the government from a base in the Turks and Caicos islands, a British colony at the southern tip of the Bahamian archipelago. He said in a communiqué seen in Miami that he was on his way to Tortuga to establish a provisional government.

Women dope carriers arrested in Milan

MILAN, Jan. 11 (A.P.) — Two women, one Argentine-born and the other Syrian, were arrested in this north Italian city yesterday on charges of smuggling and marketing narcotics. Police seized in their hotel room 2.6 kilograms of pure heroin with a street value of 2.5 billion lire (\$2 million). Officers speculated the women were part of an international drug ring. They were identified as Marcella Pilar Rodriguez, 44, and Souhela Sahloul, 43.

U.S. embassy hunger strikers warned

MOSCOW, Jan. 11 (A.P.) — Two U.S. Congressmen said today they warned two Soviet women Pentecostals to end their hunger strike at the U.S. embassy in Moscow or face being handed over to Soviet officials.

"Medical doctors tell us there is very little reserve left and a life-threatening situation could occur at any time. Should that occur, the American embassy would have no choice but to transport them into Soviet hands, where hopefully they would be put in a hospital," Representative Elliott Levitas, a Georgia Democrat, told Western correspondents.

"If, because of a medical emergency, they should be turned over to the Soviets, then they would have lost the very cause they have been struggling for these past

three and a half years," Mr. Levitas said.

Augustina Vaschenko, 52, and her daughter, Lydia, 31, are in the third week of a protest at their room in the embassy basement to dramatise their efforts to emigrate on religious grounds.

Five members of the Vaschenko family and two from the Chm-

ykhalov family — members of the Russian Pentecostal sect — ran past a Soviet guard into the embassy on June 27, 1978, and were granted refuge.

The two women started their fast to protest the failure of U.S. and Soviet authorities to reach an agreement permitting them to emigrate to the United States.

Shahi, Rao to discuss Indo-Pak no-war pact

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 11 (A.P.) — The present state of tension between India and Pakistan and the possible signing of a no-war pact will be discussed when foreign

ministers of the two countries meet in New Delhi later this month, official sources said today.

Foreign Minister Agha Shahi of Pakistan is likely to be in New Delhi Jan. 28 and 29 for the talks on response to a Dec. 24 invitation from his Indian counterpart, P.V. Narasimha Rao, sources said.

The discussions will centre round Pakistan's Sept. 15 proposal to "enter into talks with India with a view to establishing a mutual guarantee of non-aggression and non-use of force."

Tensions between the two countries started mounting early last year when the administration of President Ronald Reagan announced it would provide military and economic assistance to Pakistan.

It will include \$2.2 billion in military sales and an economic aid package being provided by the United States over the next six years, starting in fiscal 1982.

The White House also agreed to sell Pakistan 40 F-16 aircraft, which New Delhi alleged might be used by Islamabad against strategic Indian targets. Pakistan denies any such intentions.

The allegations troubled Pakistan Islamabad and New Delhi held talks to offer a non-war pact between the two countries, which will be discussed at the Shahi-Rao talks in New Delhi.

ICFTU view transatlantic shake as hand strengthening

By Andrew Gowers
Reuters

AFTER YEARS OF estrangement, the world's biggest non-Communist trade union organisation this month welcomed a long-lost and influential American relative back to the fold.

The return of the 14-million-member AFL-CIO (American Federation of Labour-Congress of Industrial Organisations) brings the number of workers affiliated to the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) to 85 million and is bound to strengthen the confederation's voice in defending union rights world-wide.

"Of course an international organisation has more weight to campaign than national unions," ICFTU General Secretary Otto Kersten said in an interview with Reuters. "The AFL-CIO knows that free trade unions can better solve problems together than isolated and apart."

It was not always so. The American union's departure from the confederation in 1969 was marked by considerable acrimony.

Then president, George Meany, a fierce anti-Communist, was furious at links maintained by some West European unions with state-run trade unions in the Soviet bloc. The ICFTU, he felt, was soft on Communism.

He was also riled by the Brussels-based ICFTU's admission of a then rival American union, the United Auto Workers, and by what he saw as mismanagement of aid funds by the confederation.

Mr. Meany's apparent isolationist tendencies had repercussions beyond the dispute between his union and the ICFTU.

Pressure from the AFL-CIO was widely reported to lie behind President Carter's decision in 1977 to pull the U.S. out of the International Labour Organisation — the arm of the United Nations dealing with labour relations.

The AFL-CIO and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce dubbed the organisation an overpoliticised propaganda forum for the Soviet Union and Arab countries after it gave observer status to the Palestine Liberation Organisation and condemned Israel as racist.

The ICFTU declared itself bitterly opposed to the U.S. withdrawal, saying it only polarised the agency further and worsened the problems the Americans were complaining about.

Since Mr. Meany's death in 1980, his successor, Lane Kirkland, has been striving to rebuild the bridges the former leader burned.

The need to take part once again in a major international forum was driven home by the economic recession and the threat it posed to trade unions everywhere, according to ICFTU officials.

The election of a right-wing American president in Ronald Reagan and his victory over striking air traffic controllers last year were the final straw, they said, although the union's European representative, Irving Brown, denied this was a factor in its re-entry to the confederation.

The AFL-CIO — the main umbrella organisation for U.S. workers — asked the Brussels confederation to complain to the International Labour Organisation on its behalf against President Reagan's treatment of trade unionists, and formally asked to rejoin the ICFTU at its congress last November.

Otto Kersten has now resigned the disputes between his organisation and the American union to the past.

"Our basic objectives are identical: to fight all violations of trade union rights everywhere," he says.

"We will not accept double standards. We're fighting against (Chilean President) Augusto Pinochet as much as against (Polish military ruler) Wojciech Jaruzelski," he adds.

But he accepts that there may be differences of emphasis across the Atlantic. "Perhaps we in Europe are a bit stronger in condemning Latin American dictatorships than the Americans, but we agree on the essentials."

Critics of the American union have maintained that it soft-pedals criticism of South American military governments because it belongs to Orit, the inter-American regional organisation of workers.

AFL-CIO representative Irving Brown says the union considered it better to try to resolve the differences within the confederation than outside.

"We're still not very happy about the actions of some individual unions with workers' organisations in East Europe and there are obviously differences on Latin America. On that we think we're better informed," he says.

"But now we felt it better to reunite considering the economic problems we face."

Now that the ICFTU, formed in 1949 after a split between East and West European unions, has once again embraced its old U.S. partner, it is looking to expand in other directions. Mr. Kersten mentions Japan as the main target area, a country where relatively few unions are affiliated.

But for the moment the outlook for free trade unions is grim.

"We've never had as many complaints about violations of trade union rights as now," he says. Military coups and dictatorships of right and left are responsible for almost 100 current complaints to the International Labour Organisation by the ICFTU and its national affiliates.